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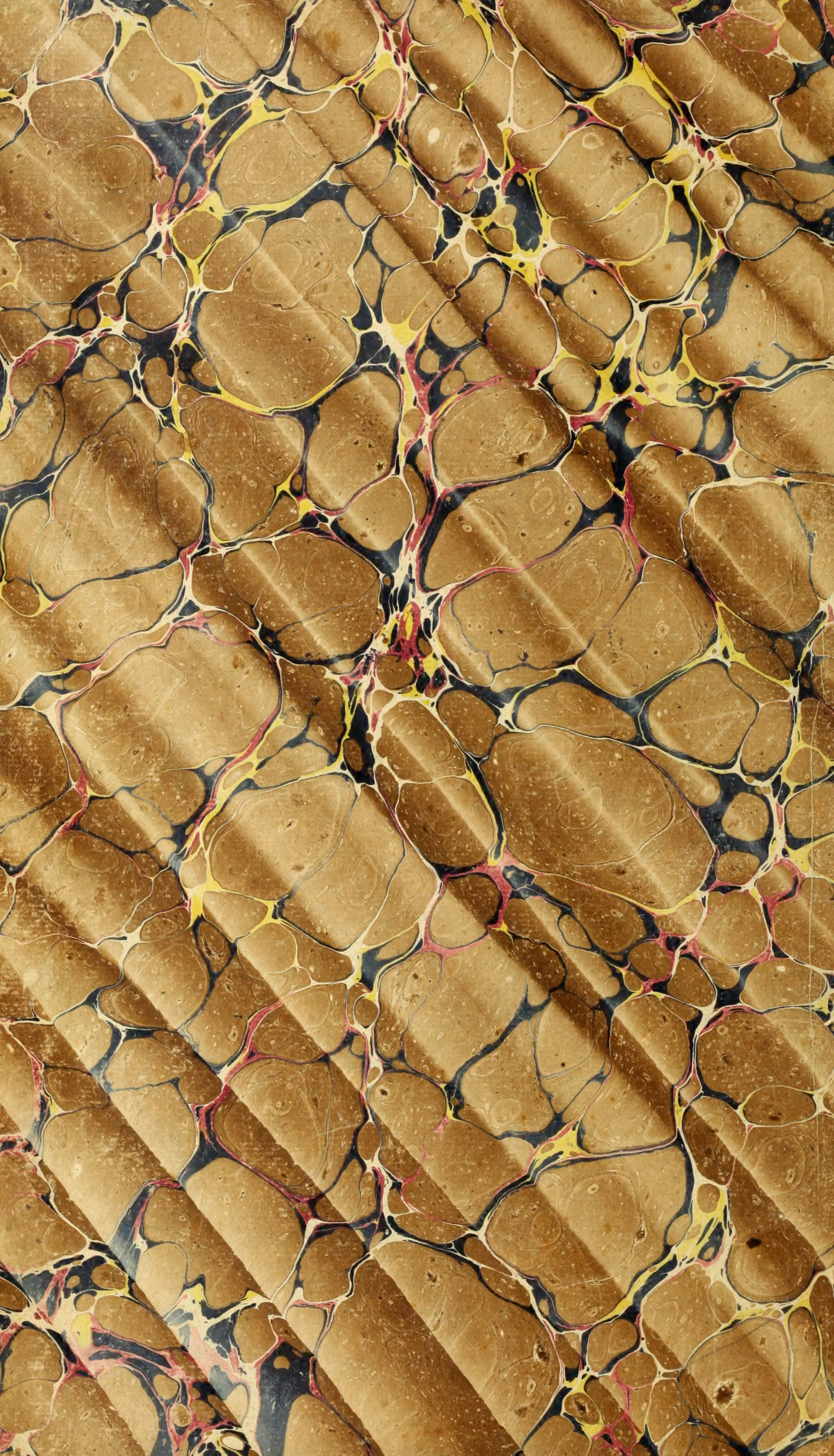

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The Church was gathered in Bremfield and—
The Rev Richard Treat its first Pastor ordained
~~about the year 1725.~~ Nov. 18. 1724.
Rev. Mr. Treat was dismissed March 27. 1734—

Rev. James Bridgham was ordained June 9. 1736
Rev. Mr. Bridgham died Sept. 17. 1776

Rev Nehemiah Williams was ordained Colleague
—Pastor with Mr Bridgham Feb. 9. 1776
Rev Mr Williams died Nov. 26. 1796.

Rev. Clark Brown was Installed June 20. 1798—
Rev. Mr Brown was dismissed Nov. 2: 1803.

Rev. Warren Fay was ordained Nov. 2. 1808—
Rev. Mr Fay was dismissed June 26 1811.

Rev. Joseph Vaill was ordained Feb. 2. 1814—
Rev. Mr Vaill was dismissed Sept. 16 1834—

Rev. Joseph Fuller was Installed March 11. 1835—
Rev. Mr. Fuller was dismissed June 7 1837—

Rev. Joseph Vaill was resettled November 1: 1837.—
Rev. Mr. Vaill was dismissed Oct 19. 1841.—

Rev. Geo. C. Partridge was installed Feb. 9. 1842
Rev. Mr Partridge was dismissed Feb. 24—1847—

Rev. Jason Morse was ordained December 12 th. 1849
Died, after 3 days' illness, October 14 1861

Rev. Charles M. Hyde was ordained August 19 th. 1862.
Rev. Charles M. Hyde was dismissed May 31st 1870.

Rev. M. Bradford Boardman 2nd installed Dec. 1st 1870.

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At a regular meeting of the Church convened at the Conference Hall by Special Notice August. 31 1837

Ebenezer Williams was chosen Moderator -

Voted unanimously -

That an invitation from the Ch[h] of Christ in Brimfield be extended to the Rev. Joseph Vaill of Portland Me. to become their Pastor -

Voted -- That a committee of three be chosen to confer with the First Parish or Congregational Society in Brimfield in relation to giving the Rev Joseph Vaill an invitation to settle over said Society, and to act with any committee chosen by them, if they should vote to cooperate with the Church, and to carry the same into effect.

Deac. Solomon Hoar
" Abner Hitchcock } were chosen
x Wm M. Ward } Sd Committee

The meeting was then dissolved.

Attest Eben. Knight Clerk

The Society having acted, and voted to cooperate with the Church in the above call, and Mr Vaill being duly certified of the same; returned the following ANSWER

To the Church & Society in Brimfield Mass.

Beloved Brethren & Friends,

Through the agency of your respective committees, I have received your invitation to a resettlement with you in the Gospel Ministry. This invitation is of such a nature, and coming from such a source, as to demand of me most prayerful, and serious consideration. I am constrained to look upon it, as a remarkable event in the providence of God, & am well nigh overwhelmed in view of it.

It is a mark of kindness and forbearance that I should be most ungrateful not to appreciate. Which it raises in my mind the most tender recollections; it brings before me a community for whom I have ever felt the strongest attachment, an attachment that time and distance has-not in the smallest degree diminished.

For more than twenty years I lived-with you in bonds of the closest and purest friendship, and was conversant with you in scenes of the most thrilling interest. I wept and rejoiced with you. A goodly number of precious souls were given me, as seals of my ministry. Yea, and dear children I loved with the tenderest affection-

But notwithstanding all the precious ties that bound me to you, I was led to regard it as my duty to change my field of labor, and accept of proposals of settlement in Portland Me. My motives in so doing are known to the Searcher of Hearts. But be assured never should I have broken away from a people enthroned in my affections as you were, had it not been from the impression (whether right or wrong I will not say) that your best good, and my increased usefulness might be promoted by the measure. Such was the feeling under which I acted. For you, there was no want of affection. Many a pang of grief did the separation cost me, and to this day has it seemed almost unaccountable.

Three years experience in another field of labor, has taught me many important lessons, and has led me, at times, to think I might have erred in the matter of leaving you, though I can not believe, but that God had something for me to do here. If I erred, it was an error of judgment, and you will forgive me. Having done all here that the state of my health in this unpropitious climate, as it seems to me, will allow, I am constrained to think, from the indications of Providence, that God may have-

something more for me to do in the precious field of my former calors; and that my usefulness there, maybe not a little increased, from the temporary suspension of my work among you.

I most sincerely thank you dear Brethren and Friends, for the honor and respect you have shown me in tendering me a Call, and for the evidence hereby afforded, of your continued confidence.

Although there may not have been entire unanimity in your proceedings, yet the lack of it is so little, & resulting from feelings which it is by no means strange should exist, but which I have the fullest confidence will not long be cherished should I return; that I am constrained to think it my duty to listen to your proposals.

I do therefore hereby, tender you my grateful acceptance of this invitation, and my entire readiness to serve you again, in the Gospel of our common Lord. That some should entertain unpleasant feelings towards me, for the course I took in Canada, was to be expected. I blame them not. I respect and love you all, and should I be permitted to come to you again, I shall regard you all only as friends, hoping that on my many faults, and mistakes, you will cast the mantle of Charity. I shall return to the bosom of a kind and affectionate people with my whole heart, and in view of my coming, I ask you to cease not to intercede with God for me, that I may come in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of peace, and that I may still be made the humble instrument of great Good to many souls.

The privilege of absence one or two Sabbaths in a year, to visit my friends, you will doubtless be willing to grant me. But the greatest privilege I ask, is that of continuing to share in your affections, and prayers, and permission to calor among you, as becomes a faithful minister of Christ.

Dear Brethren & friends, I cast myself upon your candour, your kindness, your sympathies and your prayers, with full confidence that you will continue to minister to the temporal wants of myself

and family, as you have always most kindly done, provided I am faithful in ministering to you in spiritual things.

Should the anticipated union between us be consumated, may it be perpetual while we continue on earth, to be renewed and perpetuated forever in Heaven.

Accept my best wishes for your temporal and spiritual prosperity, and believe me yours in the faith and love of the Gospel. Joseph Vaill

Portland Oct. 5: 1837.

The call being thus accepted, the joint committee of the Church & Society met with the Pastor Elect and agreed to appoint Wednesday the 1st day of November for the services of Installation and also agreed on the Churches to be invited to compose the council.

Proceedings of the Installing Council.

Brimfield Nov. 1st 1837 -

By Letters Missive from the Church in Brimfield, an Ecclesiastical Council was convened in the Conference Room this morning at 9 o'clock for the purpose of resettling the Rev. Joseph Vaill in the ministry in this place.

The Council was composed of the following Pastors and Delegates - from the

Church in New Braintree. Rev. John Fiske Pastor
Bro. Joseph W. Edson Del.

" " North Brookfield - Rev Thos Snell D.D. Pastor
Bro. Ezra Batchelder. Del.

" South Brookfield -- Rev. Micah Stone and
Rev. Rich[d] Woodruff. Pastors

" Monson - - - - - Rev Alfred Ely D.D. Pastor
Bro. Joel Norcross Del.

Marlborough Con. — — Rev. Wm F. Vaill
" " Palmer — — — — — Rev. Samuel Backus Pastor
Bro. Wilson Brainerd Del.
" " Holland — — — — Rev. James Sanford Pastor
Bro. Adolphus Webber Del.
" " Warren — — — — Rev George Trask — Pastor
Bro. Nelson Carpenter Del.
" " Sturbridge — — Rev. Joseph S. Clark Pastor
Deac. Ephraim M. Lyon Del.
" " West Brookfield Rev Francis Horton Pastor
Bro. Lewis Merriam Del.

The Council was organized by choosing — — Rev. Mr. Fiske Moderator, and Rev Mr Horton Scribe. Business was introduced with prayer by the Moderator. — — Documents were then presented from the Church and Society in Brimfield, inviting Mr Vaill to settle with them in the Gospel Ministry, as also his acceptance of the call. Papers were presented by Mr. Vaill relative to his Ministerial Standing, full, and explicit.

In view of all which, it was —
Voted. That the Council are satisfied to proceed to the services of Installation, and not only so, but from long acquaintance with Mr Vaill's doctrine and manner of life as a christian Minister, are truly gratified at his return to this people and this Vicinity.

The services of Installation were then assigned as follows =

Introductory Prayer — Rev. Dr. Ely
Sermon — — — Rev. Wm F Vaill
Installing Prayer — — Rev. Mr. Fiske
Charge to the Pastor — — Rev. Mr Stone
Right Hands &c — — Rev Mr. Backus
Address to the People — — Rev Dr. Snell
Concluding Prayer — — Rev. Mr. Sanford

Voted to adjourn, to meet for Installation at the Meetinghouse at one o'clock P. M. -

Pres. according to adjournment and concludes the business for which we were called, and the council was then dissolved.

John Fiske Moderator

Francis Horton Scribe -

Records of the Various Doings & Votes of the Church during the ministry of J. Faulk Pastor.

1837.

November 5th. The church voted to receive Mrs Pamelia Hoar the wife of David Hoar by recommendation from the church in the West Parish in Granby.

Attest J. Faulk Pastor

Dec. 3. The church tarried after divine service and heard a Letter from the Church in North Woodstock requesting assistance in the installation of Rev. Thos Boutelle over that church. —

Voted to comply and chose Br. Harvey Lombard Delegate & Deac. A. Hitchcock ~~Delegate~~ Substitute.

Attest J. Faulk Pastor

Die Sabbato. A letter was also read from the church in North Wilbraham requesting assistance in the Ordination of Mr John Bowers over the church & society in that place.

Voted to comply, and chose Bro Jedediah Williams delegate. Attest pro tem J. Faulk Pastor

1838.

January 5. The church held a church Fast in connection with the Last Preparatory to the communion at which time it was Voted to take a contribution at each communion season in aid of the following Objects.

At the Communion in Jany & March, in aid of Home Missions

" " " " May — for the same Object —

" " " July .... in aid of the Tract Cause

" " " Sept. — in aid of the same Object —

" " " Nov. — in aid of the Educa Cause

Attest J. Faulk Pastor — —

March 8th The church held a meeting for special prayer in view of the low state of religion among them, and also for the purpose of adopting some plan for the more faithful discharge of duty in watching over each other.

Voted to adopt a plan presented by the Pastor, which divided the church into eleven sections, with one brother as a committee for each, whose duty it should be to see and converse with each member on their respective section on-

the subject of their obligations and duty as christian professors. and to report at each preparatory lecture the state of religion in their respective sections. the following brethren were chosen a committee for the respective sections.

Section 1. Abner Hitchcock
" 2. Marquis Conerse
" 3. James Brown
" 4 Elkanah Spring
" 5 Lyman Upham
" 6. Alvin Janes - Attest. J. Vaill Pastor.

Sect. 7. Justin Morgan
8. Simeon Hubbard
9. Solomon Hoar -
10. Cyrel R. Brown
11. Nehemiah Williams

March 8th Voted to dismiss Martha Griggs. now (Corey) - and recommend her to the Church in Shutsbury under the care of Rev. Mr. Clarke. J. Vaill Pastor.

April 8. Voted to dismiss Dauphin Brown and Silas his wife and recommend them to the Church in Bloomingville (Illenois) - Also - (same day). Voted to dismiss Widow Sarah Patrick and Susan L. Patrick the wife of Samuel Patrick and recommend them to the Ch. in Bloomingville Ill.

April 15. Voted to dismiss Lucy Hubbard now Fairbank - and recommend her to the Church in Warren. under the care of Rev. M. Bush - -

Attest. J. Vaill Pastor -

April 29. Read a letter from the church in East Ware requesting assistance by pastor and delegate in the installation of Rev. Jonathan E. Woodbridge. Voted to comply and choose Bro Justin Morse delegate. Attest. Joseph Vaill Pastor. -

May 3. At a preparatory Lecture. Voted to dismiss Widow Phebe Bates now Mrs Foster wife of Deac Foster of Palmer and recommend her to the Church in that place. under the care of Rev. Mr. Backus.

also voted to continue the above named committee 2 mo. long. -

May 6th Read a letter from the 2d Church in Portland Me. requesting assistance by Pastor & delegate in the installation of Rev. Jonathan B. Condict Voted to comply

and Rosse Bro. Cyrel R. Brown delegate.

Attest J. Vaill Pas.r

June 13. Voted to dismiss Laura A Hotand recommend her to the church in Cortland N. Y. under the care of Rev. Mr. Lockwood.

June 3. The church tarried after divine service and voted to send a Delegate to the Brookfield Association and Conference. & chose Deac. Abner Hitchcock. — —

Attest J. Vaill Pastor

June 25 At the preparatory Lecture the church voted to change the committee for visiting the church as divided into Sections. The following brethren were appointed for the several Sections.

Sec. 1. Joseph Vaill	Sec. 7. Nathan Hitchcock
2. Allon Jones	8 Abigence W. Griggs
3. Ebenezer Knight	9. Jacob Bishop.
4. Paul Page.	10. Amos Hitchcock
5 Harvey Lumbard	11 " " " " " " " "
6. Wm J. Sherman.	

Attest J. Vaill Pastor —

July 1st Voted to receive Rev. Joseph Vaill & and Nancy P. Vaill by recommendation from the 2d Church in Portland Me. Also Lucina Homer the wife of Deac. Solomon Homer by recommendation from the Church in Greenwich —

Attest J. Vaill Pastor

Sept. 7. At a Preparatory Lect. Voted to receive the following persons. viz.

John Paine & his wife Mary Ann by recommendation from the Church in North Woodstock Con.

Paul Page & his wife Mary C. Page by recommendation from the Ch.h in N. Brookfield

Samuel A. Hitchcock ... from the Old South Ch.h Boston.

Sarah G. Styles - from the 10th Presbyterian Church in the city of Philadelphia.

Voted to substitute at their request in the visiting Comm.tee in the place of A. W. Griggs. — Simeon Ballard.

" " " " Jacob Bishop — Solomon Homer Jr.

" " " " Amos Hitchcock — Artemas Hitchcock

Attest J. Vaill Pastor —

Voted to read a letter from the church in South Brookfield requesting assistance by Pastor & Delegate in

the ordination of Mr. W. A. Nichols. Voted to comply and chose Bro. Cyrel B. Brown. delegate —

Attest J. Faill Pastor

Sept. 9. Read a Letter from the first Church in Ware — requesting assistance in the installation of the Rev. Henry Smith over that church. Voted to comply, and — Chose Brother Ebenezer Knight. Delegate and at Bro. Knights request Deac. Jacob Bishop substitute

J. Faill Pastor —

Nov. 1st The church tarried after the Preparatory Lect. and — heard a communication from Deac. Charles Barrons requesting the church to grant him a dismission from the office of deacon, in this church. Whereupon — Voted to comply with his request. Also Voted to assemble in church meeting at the conference hall on thursday the 22d of Nov. for the purpose of — chosing one to fill the place of deacon rendered vacant by the resignation of Deac Barrons

Nov. 22. The brethren of the Church met according to appointment. and after reading of the scriptures and — prayer. proceeded to ballot for the choice of a deacon — which resulted in the election of Brother Cyrel B. Brown to that office. Brother B. consented to take the matter into consideration and to give his answer at the next preparatory Lecture. Voted to dissolve the meeting

Attest. J. Faill Pastor —

Dec 16. A letter was read to the church requesting assis- — tance by Pastor and delegate. in Ecclesiastical council to dissolve the relation between Rev. Joseph S. Clark and the church in Sturbridge, should it be deemed — expedient. Voted to comply and chose Bro. Marquis

1839. Converse Delegate. Attest Jos. Faill Pastor

Jan 3. At a meeting of the church for special prayer; Brother Cyrel B. Brown. came forward and — signified his acceptance of his appointment to the office of Deacon.

Jan. 3. Voted to receive Calvin Marsh and his wife by Recommendation from the Church in Sturbridge. Also Widow Sarah Bond by recommendation from the Church in West Brookfield. Attest J. Faill Pastor —

Jan. 3. Voted to dismiss Arubah Blanchard from this Church and recommend her to the Church in Stafford Connecticut—

Jan. 24. The Church held a meeting for business at the house of the Pastor. The particular object of the meeting was to take into consideration the standing of certain members who had been suspended some three years since, for embracing errors in doctrine and violating covenant engagements.—

After much conversation and prayer the Church adopted the following Resolution

Resolved, That in view of the great obligations the Church as a body, owes to its members, a committee of three be chosen to visit the members of the church who were suspended August 1835 to ascertain their doctrinal views upon religion and their feelings towards this church.

Voted that the Pastor, Brethren Ebenezer Knight and Saml Sage constitute said committee.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to meet at the conference Room two weeks from this day at 2 o'clock P.M. to hear the report of the committee and act thereon—

Attest Jos. Tail Pastor

Jan. 27. Voted to dismiss Abigal Hitchcock, on her request and recommend her to the Church in Ellicottville N.Y.—

J. Tail Pastor

Feb. 7. The church met according to adjournment to hear the report of their committee on the case of the suspended members.— The committee reported that they had attended to the business of their appointment, having visited, and conversed with all the brethren and sisters under sus-pension, for the above mentioned cause, the whole number, to the number of thirteen, That they found shades of difference between them, as it regards their present views and feelings; That, while the majority of them still adhere substantially to those views, which the church regards as very erroneous, and utterly inconsistent with church membership, they reported that four of these members viz.— Elijah Tarbell Jr. Submit Tarbell his wife. Orson Sherman &

Sarah B. Sherman his niece, gave such answers to questions proposed to them in writing, as to satisfy the committee of the general correctness of their doctrinal belief and religious practice and of the propriety of extending to the church think it expedient to remove the act of suspension, and restoring them to the communion of the church. —

Whereupon - after due deliberation. the church passed the following vote - Viz - Voted

That the act of suspension be removed from on — the case of Elijah Bartell & and Submit Bartell his wife and Orsen Sherman & Sarah B. Sherman — his niece, and that they be restored to the fellowship and communion of this church

Voted that the Pastor communicate this vote to the above named persons -

Voted that the committee be continued to attend further to the case of suspended members. — Bro. Knight at his request was excused from acting further on the committee. and Bro. John Paine was appointed in his place. Voted to accept the same.

Attest. Joseph Vaill Pastor

March 3. A letter was read to the church from the Evangelical church & Society in South Brookfield, requesting assistance by pastor and delegate in council, — to take into consideration the subject of dissolving the pastoral relation between this church & their Junior Pastor.

Voted to comply, and choose Bro. Ebenezer Williams delegate — — Attest. Joseph Vaill Pastor —

March 24. Voted to dismiss Lydia Hubbard. now (Keep) and recommend her to the Church in Monson (Dr. Ely's) —

Apr. 21. Voted to dismiss Sarah A. Blair now Merrick and recommend her to the Ch. in Monson. (Dr Ely's) -

Apr. 21. Read a letter from the Church in Thurbridge requesting assistance by Pastor & Delegate in the — Installation of Rev. D. C. Austin as pastor of that church. Voted to comply and chose Brethren Moses Tyler Dele —

Attest. J. Vaill Pastor

on the Sabbath May 5th 1839. Voted to receive the following persons. Emory Pierce & Eliza Pierce his wife by recommendation from the Church in Patterson N.J. -

John C Kranska now Draper & his wife by recommendation from the Church in Natick -

Rachel M. Lane wife of Otis Lane by recommendation from the Church in Palmer - Attest J. Vaill Pastor

June 9. Voted to send a Delegate to the Brookfield conference of Churches. Brother Elias Tarbell was appointed. Attest J. Vaill Pastor

July 7. Voted to receive Lucinda Ruffer the wife of George P. and Delia Chandler by recommendation from Ch. in Monson.

Attest J. Vaill Pr.

Sept. 29. Read a letter from the Church in Prescott requesting assistance by Pastor and Delegate in the dismission of Rev. Job Cushman, and installing Rev. Francis Wood as his successor. Voted to comply and chose -

Deacon Abner Hitchcock. Delegate.

Attest J. Vaill Pastor

Sept. 29. Voted to dismiss. Wm A. Downing & Mary D. Bliss from this Church and recommend them to the congregational church in Chagrin Falls Ohio. -

Attest. J. Vaill Pastor -

Dec 5. The church held a meeting for business at the conference hall. Brother John Paine as a member of a committee appointed last Feb. "to attend further to the case of suspended members" presented a report on the case of Mrs Gratia D. Williams, whom the committee had visited; which report is on file. Whereupon the church voted to comply with Mrs Williams's wishes, so far as to leave the doings of the church in the matter of her suspension, to the consideration & decision of a council of three clergymen, to be mutually selected by the church and Mrs Williams. - Voted and chose a committee of three consisting of Brethren Samuel A. Hitchcock Paul P. Page & John Paine to confer with Mrs W. and agree with her on the clergymen to be invited. - Voted and chose Deacons Hitchcock & Brown & brother Wm R. Ward a committee to visit brother Harvey Goodell and confer with him, on his neglect to fulfill his covenant engagements with this Church Voted to adjourn the meeting to Dec. 19. to meet at the

conference Hall at half past one o'clock. Attest J. Vaill Pastor

Dec. 19. Met according to adjournment. The weather being unfavorable, so few brethren were present, that no business was done, except to adjourn, to meet at the conference Hall immediately after the next preparatory Lecture in January.

Attest. Joseph Vaill Pastor.

Dec. 22. On the sabbath. Voted to dismiss Marsha Fenton, now Alexander and recommend her to the Church in Homer N. Y. under the care of Rev. Dennis Platto.

Attest J. Vaill Pastor

The church held a meeting for business according to adjournment immediately after the preparatory Lecture Jan. 2. 1840. The chairman of the committee appointed at a previous meeting to confer with Mrs Williams and to agree with her on the clergymen to compose the above mentioned council. Reported, that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and had agreed upon Rev. John Fiske of New Braintree as chairman. Rev. Dr Snell of North Brookfield and Rev John Nelson of Leicester. The church voted to accept of the Report of their committee. and then voted to choose a committee of three to unite with Mrs Williams in issuing the letters missive and to manage the case on the part of the church before the council. Deac. C. R. Brown Deac. Abner Hitchcock & Bro. Wm M. Ward were chosen to constitute this committee. Voted to adjourn the meeting for two weeks. to meet at the conference Hall.

Attest J. Vaill Pastor.

Jan. 12. On the sabbath, voted at her request to dismiss Eliza Sherman now Mrs Sigourney of Oxford and recommend her to the Church in that place under the care of Rev. Mr. Bardwell.

Attest J. Vaill Pastor.

Jan. 16 The church met according to adjournment. The committee on the case of brother Goodell reported that they had attended to some extent to the case of brother this brother and had received encouragement

that he would meet the church and state to them his feelings at a subsequent meeting.

The case of Brother Reison Work was brought before the church and a statement made of his hard feelings toward another brother in the church. Whereupon a committee was appointed to attend to the case and to labor to effect a reconciliation Brethren Nathan Hitchcock, David Homer & Jonathan Brown were chosen for this committee. — Voted that the case of Mrs Groves, who had been recommended some five years before to this church, from the church in South bridge, but who had not presented her letter till the last summer, be referred to the standing committee

Voted to adjourn ~~the meeting~~ to meet immediately after the ~~next~~ preparatory Lecture previous to the communion in March —

Attest J. Vaill Pastor —

This should have been recorded above.

Jan. 5. On the sabbath. Voted to receive Alfred E Pierce & Margarett Pierce by recommendation from the first free Independent Church in Paterson New Jersey.

Attest J. Vaill Pastor —

On the Sabbath. Feb. 9. 1840 — Read a letter from the Church in Charlton requesting assistance by Pastor and Delegate in the Ordination of Elder George W. Underwood over the Calvinistic Congregational Church in that place. Voted to comply and chose Bro. Wm. M. Ward Delegate

Attest Joseph Vaill Pastor — —

Feb. 27 Met according to adjournment as above recorded —

The committee appointed on the case of Mrs. E. Williams reported. Which report the church voted to accept and to place it on the files of the church.

The report of this committee, embraced their doings before the council, called to sit on the case of Mrs. Williams (which council convened at the house of E. Williams Feb. 6. 1840) and also, the ~~resu~~ doings and result of said Council, both of which are on file.

Brother Goodell's not appearing as was expected the committee on his case was continued

The committee on the case of brother N. Work reported that they had attended to the subject of their appointment

and made a written Statement of their doings. The Church not being satisfied. voted to recommit the case to the same committee. To report at a future meeting

Voted to adjourn to meet immediately subsequent to the next preparatory Lecture. Attest. J. Vaill Paston —

April. 30. The church met according to adjournment The committees previously appointed and continued, not being prepared to report further, were continued, & the request Deac. Hitchcock being out of town — Brother Alvin Jones was appointed to take his place on the case of Bro. H. Goodell —

At the request of Deac. S. Homer the church Treasurer, he was excused from serving longer in that office, and Deac. C. R. Brown was appointed Treasurer — Bro. Simeon Hubbard was appointed a committee to examine the late treasurer's account, and transfer the same to the new treasurer.

Voted to adjourn to meet immediately after the next preparatory Lecture. Attest J. Vaill Paston —

At a meeting of the standing committee Deac Hitchcock as one of the committee was appointed to visit and confer with Mrs Groves whose case is mentioned in a former record. — and at a subsequent meeting April. 19. Deac. C. R. Brown was appointed a member of the Standing Committee. Attest J. Vaill Chairman of said Committee

May 17. Read a letter from the Calvinistic Church in Hardwick requesting assistance by Paston and — Delegate in the Ordination of Rev. Barnabas M. Jay Voted to comply and chose Bro. Ebenezer Knight Delegate Attest J. Vaill Paston

May. 24. Voted to dismiss Percy Whitnell and recommend her to the Church in East Brendon —

June 7. Voted to dismiss Polly Snow the wife of Elias Snow. and recommend her to the Church in Woodstock under the care of Rev. Mr. Rockwood Also. Voted to send a delegate to the Brookfield conference of churches. and Chose Bro John Paine Attest. Joseph Vaill Paston —

July 2. 1840 The church met according to adjournment immediately after the preparatory Lecture
The committee appointed to attend further to the case of Bro. Haney Goodell. reported in writing. which report was accepted and is on file
The church not yet being satisfied with the conduct of Bro. Goodell. appointed a second committee to deal with him further — The Pastor and brethren Nathan Hitchcock & John Paine to constitute said committee to report at the next Church Meeting —
The committee on the case of Bro. Nelson Work reported that they had attended further to his case. The report is in writing and is on file — Voted to discharge the committee and let the matter drop for the present.
Voted to adjourn to meet after the Lecture in September. attest. J. Faill Pastor.

July 5. Voted to receive into the Church Anna A Stebbins and Caroline Needham — by recommendation from the church in Hubbridge. attest J. Faill Pastor —
Sept. 12 The church met according to adjournment immediately after the preparatory Lecture. The chairmon of the committee on the case of Haney Goodell having attended to the business of his appointment made a verbal report. Whereupon the church voted to suspend action on the case of brother G. for the present with the hope that he will return to his duty
A paper from G. D. Williams was read by her husband. which the church voted to lay by till another meeting. Voted to adjourn to meet immediately after the next preparatory Lecture,
Attest J. Faill Pastor —

Oct. 29. The church met according to adjournment immediately after the preparatory Lecture. Attended further to the paper from G. D. Williams. and Voted to ~~request~~ refer it to the three clergymen who had sit as a reference on her case. and to request them to advise as to the course to be adopted. Voted and Chose Brother Orson Sherman and Mark P. Page Choristers in the Church.

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Voted to adjourn & meet immediately after the next Preparatory Lecture. Attest. J. Vaill Paston -

Nov. 1. Voted to receive Cloe Webber Smith by recommendation from the Church in Holland. Also Elizabeth Burt by recommendation from the Ch. in Springfield

Attest J. Vaill Paston

Jan 3. 1841 - Voted to receive Dan Shaw Brown and Abbey B. Brown his niece by recommendation from the Church in Richland Michigan.

Also voted to dismiss Susan Warren now Emmons and recommend her to the church in Hinsdale

Attest J. Vaill Paston

March 7. Voted to receive Phebe H. Nichols the wife of Wm S. Nichols by recommendation from the Church in Elizabethtown N. J. -

Attest. J. Vaill Ps -

Voted to dismiss Delia P. Bliss now Mrs Pierce the wife of J. L. & Pierce and recommend her to the Church in West Boylston { This should have recorded under date of the last year. }

May. 2. 1841 - Read a Letter from the Church in Palmer inviting our church to sit in council on the matter of the Dismission of Rev. Mr. Backus - Voted to comply and chose Bro. Solomon Homer Deb. -

Attest. J. Vaill Paston -

July 4. Voted to dismiss Harriet H. Allen and recommend her to the Church in Holland.

J. Vaill Paston -

Sept. 3 Voted to dismiss Widow Hannah Griggs and recommend her to the Church in Sturbridge. J. Vaill Paston -

Jeremiah D. Perry has removed his relation from this Church to the Church in Amherst College as attested by the pastor. J. Vaill

At a meeting of the Church holden at the Conference Hall Sept. 24. 1841. Rev. John Fiske of New Braintree being present was requested by the Pastor to officiate as Moderator. & Bro. Ebenezer Knight was appointed scribe. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The following communication was received from the Pastor.

To the Church in Brimfield

Beloved Brethren,

Having been appointed to an important office in the College at Amherst, and having after mature deliberation, and long & painful suspense, been constrained to regard it my duty to accept. I do hereby request you to release me from my relation to you as the pastor of this church, and in due time take measures that the relation may be dissolved according to ecclesiastical usage.

Joseph Field Pastor

Whereupon, after much consultation and various statements and remarks from the Pastor, Rev. M. Fiske, and members of the Church,

It was Voted — on motion to that effect. —

That the Church comply with the request of their Pastor (There were thirty nine members present twenty five of whom voted in the affirmative five in the Negative and nine did not vote)

Voted to choose a committee of three to communicate the above vote to the Parish, and Should they accede to the measure, to unite with the pastor in calling an Ecclesiastical council, to effect his dismission according to ecclesiastical usages.

Voted and chose Ebenezer Knight Morgan — Cornelius & Elias Jarlett to constitute said com.te —

Voted to adjourn the meeting for two weeks —

Attest E. Knight Clerk —

Oct. 8. Met according to adjournment.

The committee appointed to communicate the

doings of the Church to the Parish, Stated that they had attended to that duty. And the Parish at a regular meeting that day. haung voted to comply with Mr Vaill's request,

The committee with the Pastor agreed upon the following churches to compose the dismissing Council. The Ch. in New Braintree the Church in North Brookfield the Church in south Brookfield the Ch. in Warren and the Church in Sturbridge. And that said council convene at the house of the Pastor immediately after the meeting of the Auxiliary Missionary Society to be Holden in Brimfield on tuesday the 19th of October inst. —

The meeting was then dissolved

Attest J. Vaill Pastor —

Doings of the Council called for —
Mr. Vaills dismission. Oct. 19. 1841. —

They Letters missive from the Church in Brimfield and their Pastor, for the purpose of dissolving the Pastoral relation subsisting between said church and Pastor, the Rev. Joseph Vaill; an Ecclesiastical council convened at the house of the Pastor Oct. 19. 1841. at 3 o'clock P. M.

There were present the following pastors and delegates

from the Church in

New Braintree	Rev. John Fisk Pastor
	Deac Amasa Bigelow Del.
North Brookfield	Rev Thomas Snell D.D. Pastor
	Bro. Wm. Duncan Del.
South Brookfield	Rev. Mason Stone Pastor
	Bro. William Stone Del.
Warren	Rev. Geo Trask Pastor
	Bro. Anthony Bliss Del.
Sturbridge	Rev. David R. Austen Pastor
	Deac Zenas Dunton Del.

The council was organized by choosing — Rev John Fiske Moderator and ~~William~~ A Nichols scribe Rev M Austin addressed the throne of Grace

It appeared from documents and verbal statements presented for the consideration of the council, that the Pastor having received a call to another field of labor, had requested that his pastoral relation with the church might be dissolved. It appeared also that the Church and society had voted to grant his request. After due consultation, the Council voted that said relation be dissolved, and is hereby dissolved according to ecclesiastical usages.

In passing this vote, we are reminded that the church and society are called to part with a faithful and much valued pastor. We cannot but express our sympathy both for the Pastor and his dear people, at the dissolution of this union, which has been so long and so happily continued. While we commend the church and society to the Great Head of the Church, we do most cheerfully recommend the Reverend Joseph Tuttle to the Churches, wherever God in his providence may call him. From long and tried acquaintance, we believe him to be an able and faithful "minister of the New Testament" May the Lord prosper him in all his efforts to build up the Redeemer's Kingdom. Voted that this council be dissolved.

John Fiske Moderator

A true copy. attest W. A. Nichols Scribe —

The church tarried after service on the sabbath ~~December~~ October 24. and voted to receive Stillman Estabrook and his wife to this church by recommendation from the Church in Holden also voted and chose Elenear Knight. — scribe of the Church. attest J. Tuttle acting moderator.

At a regular meeting of the Church convened at the Vestry Monday Decr 6. 1841 by special notice

Margin Converse was chosen Moderator

Voted unanimously That an invitation from the Church of Christ in Brimfield be extended to the Rev. Geo. C. Partridge of Hatfield to become their Pastor.

Voted To choose a committee of five to confer with the Parish in relation to giving the Rev. Geo. C. Partridge an invitation to settle over said Parish and to act with any committee chosen by them, if they should vote to cooperate with them, to carry the same into effect

Solomon Homer
Moses Tyler
Albegence W. Grigg
Cyrel R. Brown
Stillmen Estabrook
} were said Committee

Then said meeting was dissolved.
Attest Ebenezer Knight Clerk

1842

Jany 23. After the services of the sabbath

Voted That Thomas W. Dearth be dismissed from this Church & recommended to the Church of Charleston Jackson County, Iowa Territory.
Attest Eben^r Knight Clerk

The Society having voted Decr 20. to concur with the Church in extending the invitation as above, & having certified the same by the respective com^ees of the Parish & Church to the Rev Geo. C. Partridge, Rec^d from him ~~the following~~ Answer in reply accepting it & consenting to become their Pastor.

Whereupon the above named committee

with the commencement of the communion of the Pastor & with the Western Association Wed. Feb. 7. for the ensuing Election: & with the commencement of Mr Partridge's settlement & Letters missive for a Council.

The following is a copy of the record of the same when convened.

Result of Council.

Agreeably to Letters Missive from the Free Cong. Church in Bimsfield an Ecclesiastical Council convened at the house of Mr Joseph L. Browning Jun. in said town on Wed. A.M. Feb. 9th 1842. to attend to the installation of the Rev. Geo. L. Partridge as Pastor of said Church. The following Pastors & Delegates were present.

From Ch. in Monson Alfred Ely L.D. Pastor. Bro. A.M. Porter Del.
" " Brimfield Rev. John Nelson " Br. Jos. L. Partridge Del.
" " Warren. Rev. Geo. Trask " Bro. Asa. Tidd. "
" " So. Brookfield " W.A. Nichols " Br. Luther Blackmer "
" " Sturbridge " L.R. Austin " " J.A. Drake "
& Rev. Jos. Tuttle Brimfield.

Dr Ely was chosen Moderator & Rev L.R. Austin Scribe. Council was opened with prayer by the Mod. Documents were presented by the Comm'n of the Ch. by which it appeared their doings with respect to the call of Mr. Partridge to settle with them in the Gospel Ministry: & his answer to the same: one also by Mr. P. showing his regular standing in the ministry: All which were entirely satisfactory. The candidate was then examined in relation to his doctrinal views - his experimental piety & his views in entering the ministry. Whereupon the council voted their unanimous & entire satisfaction. Council then voted to proceed to the installation of Mr. P. & that the several parts of public service be assigned as follows: Introd. Prayer & Rev L.R. Austin. Sermon by Rev. John Nelson. Inst. Prayer & A. Ely D.D. Charge to Pastor by Rev J. Tuttle. Right Hand to Wm A. Nichols. Charge to people by Rev Geo. Trask. Con. Prayer Rev. J.L. Partridge. After the public service council voted to accept the doings as the result.

A. Ely Moderator
L.R. Austin Scribe.

June 5. 1842. Voted to choose Deac. Barron a delegate to the Associational conference at North-Brookfield.

Jan. 1. 1843. Rec'd a letter missive from the Church in South Brookfield requesting assistance by Pastor & Delegate to ordain Bro. Lyman Whiting as their Pastor
Voted to comply & to appoint Bro. Paul W. Paige a delegate

July 1. 1843. Received similar letter from Church in Monson — Pastor elect Mr. Sam. Bartlett.
Voted to appoint Rev. Sol. Homer Jr. a delegate

Oct. 15. " Received similar letter from Church in Barre — Rev. Amos Bullard Pastor elect
Voted to send Deac. C. R. Brown a delegate

May 12. 1844. Received letter from Church in Sturbridge requesting aid by Pastor & Delegate to ordain Bro Davis Gave a number of that Church & a commissioned Missionary to the West. as an "evangelist".
Voted to appoint Rev. Ebra Perry Jr. Delegate.

Nov. 5. 1842. After Preparatory Lecture a document was read from Miss Harriet James, confessing a sin [illegible] in her [illegible] guilty: which was voted by the church to be satisfactory.

March 3. 1843. After Prep. Lec. confession from Miss [illegible] A. Morrison, which was voted satisfactory.

May 4. 1843. At a regularly notified meeting [illegible] at the close of the preparatory lecture the church proceeded to elect a Deacon to fill the place of Deacon [illegible] removed from town, & made choice of [illegible] [illegible] Paige.

At the request of Dea. Paige he was allowed [illegible] [illegible] of the church [illegible] a few weeks to consider the question of acceptance.

June [illegible] After the [illegible] preparatory lecture [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

1844 Aug. 27. In the course of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Rev. [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
" [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] their names [illegible] from the church records, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with the church [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] a committee [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the church.

[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] Brown
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] were appointed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] previously [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the same import was communicated [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Oct. 31. The above committee after having attended to their duty made report to the church assembled for the purpose that they found the above named individuals immoveable in their purpose to have entirely the communion of this Church & in their request that their names be taken from the list of members of this Church: and it appeared to the committee that to make any further effort with them to this end would be an opposition to the will of the Lord Jesus Christ coming to Christ.

After mature deliberation upon the report of the committee, (in which time it was found that the views of the brethren generally were in the main harmonious) it was

Voted that a committee of three be appointed to draft a written resolution to pass and in the church reading the above named individuals.

Dr. Paine
Dea. J. Paige
Dea. C. Knight

was chosen.

It was also voted in its place to record that the first named committee acquainted the name of Mrs Mary Anne Merriam as making the same request with the others mentioned & as being in much the same state of mind.

1844 Nov. 7. At a regularly called meeting of the church (at the close of the usual Thursday Conference) for purposes of business, the report of the above mentioned committee was read & accepted. After deliberation somewhat at length upon the question of adopting it, it was

Voted— That action upon the report be deferred until the Pastor have opportunity to learn the views of the Brookfield Association concerning the propriety of the action proposed in the report.

1845 Jan. 23. At a church meeting called as above, the Pastor reported that he had conducted the Brookfield Ass. & that

withdrawing themselves from the fellowship of the church — thus setting at naught their covenant with the church, & have declared their determination to persist in so doing; this church deems said position in withholding from them that watch & care designed to bind them into communion with her; & in considering them no longer members of this church.

Voted — that they shall no longer consider them members of this church until they manifest penitence for their violation of their covenant vows, in thus disorderly forsaking the communion of this church; & in a manner satisfactory to the church.

At the same meeting it was

Voted — that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the case of Mrs. Morgan & report specifications against her if they find that the case demands it.

May 5. At a regularly called church meeting the above committee made an oral statement of conversations held by them with Mrs. Morgan from which it would appear that Mrs M. has in several particulars departed from the fellowship of the church: whereupon it was

Voted that the same committee be requested to present their writing to the church at a future meeting such specifications as they think can be substantiated against Mrs M. affecting her standing in the church.

At the same meeting (notice having been given from the desk on the previous Sabbath) the church balloted for a deacon: upon which Bro. Danphine Brown received eighteen of the twenty votes cast & was elected. Whereupon

Voted that Bro Brown be allowed time

to consider the request that a meeting be called of the church & congregation to see if measures could be taken for the settlement of a pastor.

Voted that the standing committee of the church communicate with Bro. Hubbard now a resident in Palmer, concerning his being employed to preach to the church.

Voted that Bro. Brown & Bro. Brown constitute a committee to write to the Mass. Miss. Society requesting a dissolution of the organization of this church & to some constitute church if the Lord will & to do what is in the case as may be found necessary.

The service was subsequently sent & address of the Clerk to the church in [illegible]

Jan 5. At a regular church meeting at the close of the public worship Bro. Hamilton Brown tendered his resignation of the office of deacon, which was gratefully received by the church & he was instructed in the office by prayer.

" " At the same meeting the committee appointed for that purpose made a written report in the case of Mrs. Jerusha Morgan, which the following is a copy of

Report.

"That they are of opinion that the following specifications of sentiments & practices inconsistent with an existing covenant & with this church & with the articles of faith & rules which she has given assent can be sustained against said Morgan.

1st. Said Morgan denies the religious obligation & observance of the Sabbath.

2d She has for a long time past neglected & refused upon public worship in connection with this church assigning as the reason for so doing [illegible] of agreement with the ministrations from the pulpit.

3d Mrs. M. has for many months absented

herself from the communion of the Lord's supper in communion with this Church, although living within the place & within reasonable distance & being in comfortable health: & she avows the sentiment that the ordinance is and longer of binding obligation or of practical use.

4th Mrs. M. entertains & avows the same sentiments regarding the ordinance of Baptism.

5th Mrs. M. says that she regards this Church essentially wrong: & that it is from the impression that she should sin by holding communion that she has not asked to fellowship.

These sentiments & practises your committee lay to the charge of Mrs Morgan: & they deem them so inconsistent with membership of this Church & with the covenant existing between its members that they conceive it their duty to call upon the Church to cite Mrs M. before them to make answer to the above allegations: & if she either deny or refuse to retract the sentiments & reform the practises they call upon the Church to proceed to such course of discipline with her as they shall in their wisdom judge proper.

(Mattan Hitchcock
Committee (Solomon Howes
(W. G. Hubbard

Voted To accept the report.

Voted That the Pastor present Mrs. M. with a copy of the above report & appoint such time for her to be heard in her defence as may meet their mutual convenience.

Sept. 4. 1845. At a regularly called church meeting at the close of preparatory lecture the Pastor reported

in the case attended to the above duty & that Mrs Morgan was then present to answer for herself. Mrs M. then presented through Mr Paige a written document admitting fully all the above charges save the one respecting the Sabbath, partially so; & justifying herself upon the ground of the abrogation in Christ of all external ordinances, & the spiritual union of all his ordinances; this applying to the visible church as well as to the Sacraments: & also justifying herself in regard for this visible Church as consisting on the alleged ground of its clinging to external bonds & failing of the spirit of Christ in the Soul.

Whereupon it was

Voted That the first charge in the case of this church that was laid against Mrs Sarah Morgan is according to her own confession sustained. Ayes voting in the affirmative & Six in the negative. It was then

Voted Unanimously that the same be the case of this Church in reference to the second charge. And the same vote was passed unanimously regarding each of the other charges. It was then

Voted Unanimously that inasmuch as this Church cannot see how the relation hitherto existing between Mrs Morgan & them can any longer continue & they be blameless. It was then

Voted That Unanimously that Mrs Morgan be no longer considered a member of this Church.

1846

April 5. Sab. A letter minute from the Junior Pastor & the Church in Monson was read at the close

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of the P.M. service requesting this Church & the Pastor & delegate a council to the ordination of Rev. Mr Bartlett their Junior Pastor.
Voted to send Bro. Sol. Hamm Delegate.

Feb. 7. 1846 For a communication from the Pastor to the Church & Society under this date, also for one bearing date April 5. to the same; together with the doings of the Church thereon; see page 142. recorded thro' through mistake by the Sec. Pro. Tem. (See opposite page)

By mutual agreement of the Com. mittee named in the doings of Chh. & the Pastor alluded to, an Ecclesiastical Council was called on April 28th in the manner directed in the second communication of the Pastor: & the following is their

Result.

Equally to letters missive from the Cong. Chh. in Plainfield & Rev. Geo. L. Partridge their Pastor an Ecclesiastical Council convened at the Meeting of the Chh. in Plainfield on Tues. Apr. 28th 1846. for the purpose of considering the expediency of dissolving the Pastoral relation between the Pastor & the Church.

The following Pastors & Delegates were present. viz:

Rev. John Fiske D.D. Pastor of
Bro. Henry M. Daniels Delegate — West Brainte
Rev. Thomas Snell D.D. Pastor of
Bro. Francis Canutt Del. — North Brookfield
Rev. Alfred Ely D.D. Pastor of
Bro. Abram Smith Del. — Monson
Rev. James Sanford — Holland
Rev. Eben Carpenter. Pastor.
Bro. Sumner Del. Southbridge
Rev. Geo. Trask Pastor
Bro. Charles Keith Del. Warren

To the Cong. Chh. & Soc. in Brimfield

The Pastor of this Chh. in making the following communication, would first take occasion to express his high sense of the sacredness, the designed & desirable permanency of the pastoral relation & his reluctance to take the responsibility of doing any thing to conflict with either.

Nor does he deem himself to be taking that responsibility in the following announcement having been sometime since, made aware of an indifference to himself & to his ministry on the part of many of the people of his charge pow the time was drawing, in great measure his hope of usefulness among them, & having been recently apprized of a more positive disaffection alike towards himself & his ministry so extensively prevailing as to have warranted the expression of an opinion that an effort would soon be made to accomplish his removal. The responsibility lies within with those whose feelings are as thus expressed.

The Pastor therefore feels clear of responsibility, in announcing, in view of the above facts, his purpose within a short time (at the appointed annual meeting of the society or before) of asking the Chh. & Soc. to unite with him in calling an Eccl. Council to the dissolution of the relation subsisting between himself & them.

The Pastor makes this announcement for the relief of the feelings of those most embittered towards him, & to prevent all that unhappy agitation incident to position efforts among a people to rid themselves of a minister & in hope that also that their feelings thus relieved, they may not be shut out from all possibility of deriving any benefit from the institutions of religion during the short time he may remain their minister.

In closing the Pastor would say that there is nothing & never has been any thing in his own feelings to interfere with his cheerful & hearty labors for the spiritual good of this people & while he yet remains

with him to shake not cease to offer fervent prayer that the best blessings of God's grace may be upon him -

Respectfully & affectionately
Geo. C. Partridge - Pastor

Brimfield Feb. 7. 1846 -
Attest - P. C. Hubbard - Clerk

To the 1st Cong. Ch. & Society in Brimfield
Nathan & Friends

In persisting to carry out the purpose announced to you in a former communication your Pastor would not fail to express his thanks to the Society for their vote conveyed to him by their clerk requesting him to withdraw his communication; justice to his own feelings & to their kindness demands as it readily receives an expression of his high gratification & the sense of his obligation to his many individual friends for their manifestation of attachment & reluctance to part with him since the announcement of his purpose aforesaid -

Still the fact of so respectable minority being ready to manifest publicly their willingness to hear him leave only confirms the purpose to request of you to unite with him in calling an Ecl. Council to whom the whole subject shall be referred -

This is therefore to make such request asking that the action of the Church be taken in time to communicate the same to the Society at their approaching annual meeting & that the action of the Society be then taken & the council called without delay thereafter -

Praying that the minds of both Church & people & Pastor may be kept in perfect peace & in a frame in all wise right & that the council may be guided into all wisdom

I am yours sincerely
Geo. C. Partridge - Pastor

Attest P. C. Hubbard Clerk
Brimfield Feb 3d 1846

At a Church meeting holden at the Town House April 16th 1846 it was

Voted - That the request of the Rev. Geo. C Partridge be granted

Voted - To choose a Committee of three to communicate the above vote to the Parish & Society they accede to the measure to unite with the Pastor in calling an Ecc. Council to effect his dismission according to Ecclesiastical usage

Voted - That Linus Comm, P. W. Paige, Eben. Knight constitute that committee

Voted - That the meeting be dissolved

Attest P G Hubbard - Clerk

Rev. D. R. Austin Pastor
Deac. Elias Hitchcock Sol. Stanbridge

The council was organized by choosing Rev. John Fiske A.M. Moderator & Rev. D. R. Austin Scribe.—

The council was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr Ely.

Documents were presented by Rev. Mr. Partridge stating the reasons which had influenced him to request a dissolution of his Pastoral relation to the Chh. in Bimsfield.

Documents were also presented by the committee of the Chh. showing that the Chh. had acceded to the "Dr. Mr. request".

Full verbal statements were also made by the Pastor & by members of the Chh. in relation to the subject under consideration.

After prayerful deliberation upon all the circumstances of the case the council came to the following result. viz.

Resolved unanimously. That we do not proceed at this time to dissolve the Pastoral relation between Rev. Mr. Partridge & the Chh. in Bimsfield: but adjourn to be convened at such time as the Moderator shall appoint.

A true copy of the Minutes
Attest D. R. Austin Scribe.—

Bimsfield April 28th 1846
Copied by Geo. L. Partridge — Pastor

Sept 11. At a meeting of the Church of Christ in Bimsfield a letter was received from Bro. Andrew Bond requesting permission to change his relation from this Chh. to that in Palmer.

Voted that Bro Cyril R. Brown be a committee to consider the case & report

Voted that Bro Symmes Hubbard & be a committee to confer with Bro. Walker & report

1846

Oct. 11. At the close of service in P.M. a letter missive was read from the Ch. in Monson requesting this Ch. to attend a council in Boston & delegate, on Wed. Oct. 21. to install the Rev. Mr. Hitchcock as Colleague Pastor with the Rev. Dr. Ely.

Voted to send Bro. Wm Fay as delegate.

Dec. 10. At a church meeting called this day.

After hearing a report from the committee chosen & appointed to visit Bro. Andrew Tenel, it was

Voted. That another committee appointed to confer with him & tell him that if they obtain not satisfaction to cite him to appear before this Church.

Voted That Bro. Samuel Brown & Bro. Solomon Howes constitute this committee.

Voted That Bro. Elias Tarbell be a committee to visit Miss Polly Patterson Brown & converse with her in reference to her immoral conduct.

Voted That Bro. Benj. Sherman & Bro. Marcus Hitchcock be a committee to converse with Miss Priscilla Haywards relative to her wish expressed to the Pastor to be dismissed from this Church.

Voted Bro. Benj. Sherman be requested to converse with Bro. Work.

Voted That a letter of dismission & recommendation be granted to Bro. Nehemiah Williams & his wife.

At a regular meeting of the Church holden April 6th 1846 it was

Voted That Bro C. K. Brown be moderator

Voted That P. G. Hubbard be Clerk

Attest P. G. Hubbard 2d Clerk

Feby 24th 48

An adjourned Ecclesiastical Council at the City in Springfield at the call of the Moderator, for the purpose of examining the case brought before them in April 1846 – All the members of the Council were present except Rev. John Fisk D.D. & Br. Henry M Dana his delegate. The Council was opened with prayer by Rev. D. K. Austin.

The Parish Committee presented the record of their doings, requesting their Pastor Rev. G. C Partridge, to unite with them in calling together the Council for the purpose of effecting his dismission. Rev Mr Partridge signified that he had acceded to the wishes of the Parish

The Parish committee stated that the reasons for the dissolution of the Pastoral relation had not diminished since the adjournment of the Council but had rather increased. Rev. Mr. Partridge accordingly in this view of the subject –

Rev. Mr. Partridge made some statements in relation to his pecuniary circumstances and the inadequacy of his salary in past years for his support and expressed a desire that the Council would consider these facts in their result.

After a full hearing of the case and thorough deliberation upon all the circumstances the Council have come with great reluctance to the following result, viz.

That in our judgment it is expedient to dissolve the relation between the Rev. George C. Partridge and the Church in Springfield and the same is hereby dissolved with the condition that the Rev. Mr. Partridge have the privilege of supplying the desk till the first of May next.

The Council would also express the desire that the members of the Church and Society will

consider the pecuniary circumstances of Bro. J. W. Southedge and relieve him in some measure of the pecuniary burdens now pressing upon him.

The Council take great pleasure in recommending Bro. Southedge to the Churches of Christ wherever Providence may direct his steps as a believing Christian worthy of good and regular standing in the Ministry, as an able & faithful preacher of the Gospel & cordially devoted to his Master's service. And they most earnestly pray that the Holy Spirit may attend & bless him in his future labours in the Ministry.

The Church & Society in Brimfield are desirous of a Pastor & Council wonld invite Bro. Edson to visit them & preach for them a season with a view to his settlement with them in the Gospel ministry. Council advise Bro. Edson to accept the invitation & visit Brimfield for the purpose & if Providence shall open the way clearly to settle with them unanimously voted to adopt the Result of Council

Voted that the Council be dissolved

J. Ely, Moderator, pro tem
Attest Jas. Smith, Scribe

Church burned in 1847.

Sept 1

Voted - At a meeting of the Church it was
That the Committee chosen to confer with Bro.
Andrew Ferrill be a Committee still to
confer with him & report at a future
meeting. Comittee chosen were Dan'l Brown
Brown, Bro. Solomon Brown -

Voted - That Bro. Elias Isabell be a committee
still to visit Mrs. Salamon Bloor &
converse with her in reference to her im-
-moral conduct -

Voted - That Bro Benj Sherman & Bro Marcus
Hitchcock be a Committee to converse with
Miss Flavilla Hayward relative to her
with expressed to the Pastor to be read
said from the Church -

Voted - That Bro Benj Sherman be requested still
to converse with Bro Norris -

Voted - That a letter of dismission and recommendation
be granted to Bro. Jonas Nutting, Rachel
N. Nutting, & Caborine B Nutting
Attest

J. G Hubbard } Clerk

Sept 24 - Voted - That a letter of dismission and
recommendation be granted to Mrs.
Mary H Foon

Church meting Nov 11th 1847.

After hearing the report of a committee
chosen to visit Mr. Ferrill and cite him be-
-fore the Church he acknowledging to such
committee that he had got away from duty
wholly neglecting prayer that he could not
whether he belonged to any Church & from his report
it be voted upon repeated entreaty & admo-
nitions, or to appear before the Church. The
Church voted unanimously that Mr. Andrew
Ferrill be suspended from all further fellowship

and privileges of this Church until he returns and makes christian satisfaction

After hearing report of committee to visit Mr. Works, and Miss. Flavilla Maynard without acting thereon – voted to adjourn to the next preparatory lecture

S. Hosmer } Clerk pro tem
P. G. Hubbard } Clerk

A true Copy

1848

Feby 13 The Church united after ~~dismissing~~ divine service and heard a Letter from the first second Congregational Church in Canton requesting assistance in the installation of Rev. Thomas Wilson over that Church.
Voted to comply and Dr. Eben. Knight was chosen delegate

Attest. P. G. Hubbard Clerk

Aug 24th At a meting of the was called
error no business transacted –
Voted To adjourn then we to hear this
date to met then O'Clock P. M.

N. G. Hubbard Clerk pro tem

A true Copy Attest P. G. Hubbard Clerk

Record corrected – At the above named meting after prayer & some consultation a motion was made by Will Ward that this church extend an invitation to the Rev Benj E Hale to settle with us in the Gospel Ministry – – Upon an expression of feeling of all present – Voted to adjourn to Sept 15th

Sept 15th At an adjourned meting of the church on the question voted that the Clerk post a notice of the meeting next Sab by reason of its object of extending a call to Rev B E Hale – – but few being present voted to adjourn t Sept 22nd – – – –

1848 – 1928

The present church was erected in 1848

Mr P G Hubbard

Sir · At the last meting of the Church for business a committe of five was appointed to fill vacancies caused by death & removal in the standing Committee of the Church. I made no memoranda at the time but think I can give you the names

Dea D. Brown
Bro. Linus Hamm
" Chany Solomon
" Benj'n Shuman
" James Walker

Also Voted to recive Mrs Rebecca Robinson as a member of this Church, a letter certifying her membership of a Church now existing in Wales (but now extinct) having been given her by Rev Dr Ely of Monson. That letter is in the hands of Bro Solomon Hamm. I have requested him to hand it to you

C R Brown

I communicate this as the idea has occured to me that you was not present at the time

C R Brown

Supplementary
Record copied on
the Books, C. M. H.
1847

The following is a Copy of a letter to the Clerk from Bro. C. R. Brown, on file.

At the last meeting of the Church for business a committee of five was appointed, to fill vacancies caused by death and removal, in the Standing Committee of the Church. I made no memoranda at the time, but think I can give you the names.

Bro. D. Brown
Bro. Linus Homer
Chauncy Islands
Benjamin Shannon
Jarius Walker

I was also voted, to send Rev. Charles Hall as a member of this Church, a letter of dismission to the first Church and congregation in Hales, but did not know when one would be by Rev. Dr. Ely of Homer. That letter is [on file among the papers of the Church.

Signed, C. R. Brown.

1848

Sept 22 At an adjourned meeting of the Church - after prayer a request from P. G. Hubbard was made thro' Bro. D. Brown that he be excused from serving longer as Clerk

It was then voted that his request be granted & he be discharged

On nomination by A. G. Hubbard Solomon Homer was Chosen Clerk ———————————

As some of the doings of the Church were not recorded voted that the Clerk be directed to record the meeting last held & also to correct the record of the meeting previous to the last

After considerable conference & debate - on the call for the question by P. W. Paige voted that we extend an invitation to the Rev. Benj. C. Hale to settle with us in the Gospel Ministry - 19 members being present 13 being in favor 4 opposed & 2 declining to vote

Voted that a committee of three be chosen to inform the Rev. Mr. Hale of the doings of this meeting & to petition the Parish Committee to call a meeting of the Society to see if they will concur with the church ——— Voted that the committee be nominated by the Moderator - P. W. Paige Jarius Walker & Linus Homer ———

1848 were then nominated & Chosen
" " Voted that this meeting be dissolved - - -
Attest S Homer Clerk
"

Oct.r A letter of dismission and recommendation to the Cong.l Church in Wilkinson Conn, E B Huntington Pastor was sent to Amherst Robinson - by direction - the vote of the Church having been passed previous to the appointment of the present Clerk Attest S Homer Clerk

1849
January 21st - Voted to dismiss Nancy E Jones (now Ross) and recommend her to the Church in Warren - Attest Solomon Hamm Clerk

Feb 1st Voted to dismiss Widow Hannah Durfee (formerly Kimball) - & recommend her to the first Cong Church in Palmer Attest S Homer = Clerk

May 5th At preparitory lecture Voted to dismiss Lorin Clarke & Mary Clarke wife of Lorin C - & recommend them to the Church in Monson
Attest S Homer - Clerk

Aug 8th Voted to dismiss Mrs Hannah Fay and grant her a recommendation to the Church in Ware (East) - up to the time she left Brimfield - (She having been absent a long time and nothing known respecting her except from a communication from Rev Mr Goh) - - - Attest S Homer Clerk

Sept 27th At a meeting of the Church held for the purpose of ascertaining the feelings of the members towards Rev Mr - Morse - & the expediency of inviting him to become our Pastor - It was voted that the Moderator call a meeting of the Church on monday next to see if the Church will extend a call to Rev - Mr Morse to become their Pastor - Then voted to dissolve the meeting
Attest S Homer Clerk

1849

Oct 1st A meting of the Church was held pursuant to a vote of thursday last = the moderator not being present - brother Chency Solomon was chosen moderator protem - it being stormy & but few present (14) - it was voted that when adjourned this meting be adjourned to thursday next at one oclock P.M. - voted a committe of five be chosen to notify all members not present - of said adjournment

Committe (Elijah Tuttle = Dr E Knight = Jorim Walker = Solomon Homer & Benj Sherman)

Voted to adjourn - - - Attest Solomon Homer Clerk

Oct 4th Meeting was held according to adjournment - Chency Solomon acting as Moderator - Deac E B Brown being absent the notice warning the meting - was read - and the doings of the last meting communicated - after which on motion of Dr E Knight it was voted unanimously

that an invitation from the Church of Christ in Brimfield be extended to the Rev Jason Morse of Southbridge to become their Pastor

Voted that a Committee of three be chosen to confer with the first Parish or congregational Society in Brimfield in relations to giving the Rev Jason Morse an invitation to settle over said Society, and to act with any committe chosen by them, if they should vote to cooperate with the Church - in carrying the same into effect -

S A Whitcomb
Dr E Knight
Jorim Walker

were chosen said Committe

Then Voted That the meeting be dissolved -

Attest S Homer Clerk

Oct 21st Voted to dismiss Marcus Whitcomb & Patty Whitcomb from this Church & recommend them to the Church in Ware under the care of Rev Mr Gale - -

Attest S Homer Clerk

1849

Nov. 25th Church tarried after divine servin and voted to receive Mrs Hannah P Homer (wife of Wilson Homer) - on recommendation from the Union Church in Marlboro

Attest S Homer Clerk

Record of doings of Ecl. Council at Ordination of J. Mason
Brimfield Dec. 12 1849. 1849.

In pursuance of the Letters Missive, an Ecclesiastical Council convened at the Vestry of the Cong. Church & Soc. in Brimfield at 10 o'clock A.M. Wednesday Dec 12, 1849 for the purpose of examining the qualifications and pretensions of Mr. Jason Mason to the work of the Sacred Ministry, & if satisfied, Mem. to proceed to his ordination

The following Churches were represented by Pastor & delegate viz.

Church of Christ in North Brookfield
Rev Thomas Snell D.D. Pastor & Bro. Harvey Belcher Delegate

Church in Southampton
Rev. Morris E. White Pastor Bro Rev. Parsons Delegate

Church in West Brookfield.
Rev. Leonard A. Parker. Pastor & Bro. Edwin Wade Delegate

Church in Monson.
Rev E. B. Ridge Pastor. Bro. Deacon Converse Delegate

Church in Southbridge
Rev Mr Carpenter Pastor Bro C. Mason Delegate

Second Church in Palmer.
Rev Thomas Wilson Pastor. Bro pro. Webber Del.

Church in Sturbridge
Rev D.R. Austin Pastor. ~~Bro E. Stimpson Del~~

Church in Holland
Rev. Benj Eden. Elected Deacon Bro Horace Wallace Del.

Church in Warren.
Rev Chas Smith Pastor. Deacon Patrick Del

Church in Somers Ct.
Rev Joseph Duill Pastor Bro. Horace E. Billings Del.

The Council was organized by choosing Rev Joseph Duill Moderator & Rev Thomas Wilson Scribe
Prayer was offered by the Moderator. Prof. A. B. Smith of Amherst Coll. was invited to act as an honorary member of the Council.

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1849 The Council being satisfied with the evidence that Mr Gason Morse was in good & regular standing in the Church & was duly licensed to preach the Gospel & also so far satisfied with the doings of the Church & Society as to proceed with the Examination of the Candidate - then went into an investigation of the doctrinal views of the Pastor Elect & also of his personal piety & views in entering the Ministry.

The Council being fully satisfied with the same - voted to proceed to the ordination services of Mr Gason Morse at one o'clock P.M. in the house of worship - and assigned the several parts as follows.

Introductory Services -	by Rev C. B. Rittridge	of Monson
Sermon.	" Rev. Prof. Smith	" Amherst
Ordaining Prayer	" Rev Thomas Snell D.D.	" Brookfield
Charge to the Pastor	" Rev Elon Carpenter	" Southbridge
Right Hand of Fellowship	" Rev Chas Smith	" Warren
Charge to the People	" Rev Joseph Vaill	" Somers
Concluding Prayer.	" Rev W.E. White	" Hampton
Benediction.	" Pastor.	

The above exercises were performed according to appointment and the Council dissolved.

Signed { Joseph Vaill Moderator
Thomas Wilson. Scribe.

Copied from the minutes of the Council
C. Morse. Pastor

Record of the doings and votes of the Church during the ministry of J. Morse. Pastor.

1850.

Jan. 5. Voted to receive Mrs C. R. Burley Warren as a member of the Church on recommendation from the Crombie St. Church, Salem Mass.

J. Morse Pastor

Jan 9. Voted to receive Miss B. Sherman as a member of this Church she having been examined by the Com^te of the Church. and propounded for the usual time

J. Morse, Pas.

Feb 28. A meeting of the Church was held at the close of the Conference. Bro. C. R. Brown in the Chair

Voted that J. Morse be admitted as a member of this Church on recommendation & letter from the Church in Amherst Colleg.

Voted also that Mrs Abbie P. Morse be rec^d as a member of this Church on recommendation by letter from the Church in Southampton.

Bro C. R. Brown having declined to act longer as Moderator of the meetings of the Church.

Voted that Rev. J. Morse be hereafter the Moderator of all such meetings.

J. Morse Pastor.

Mch 17. Church having received an invitation from the Church in Holland to assist in the ordination of Rev Geo. Fisher. appointed Bro. A. S. Hubbard and Del.

Attest J. Morse Pastor

Apr 28. Voted to receive Mrs Edwin A. Lyman by letter from Church in Rockville Conn.

Attest - J. Morse Pastor

May 26. Voted to receive Mrs Betsey & Miss Mary Denny by letter from Ch in Amherst Mass

J. Morse Pastor

1850

May 26. Voted to give a letter of dismission & Rec. to the 1st Cong. Ch. in Chesterfield to Mr Lyle Childs and his wife Nancy.

West J. Morse.

" Voted that Bro. Deb. Homer be appointed Del. to attend the Conference of the Churches of the Brookfield Association at W. Brookfield on the 2d Tuesday in June.

June 8. Committee of the Church met and examined the following persons with reference to joining the Church Harriet E Homer - Elizabeth B. Parker Miranda J Shaw. Calvin H March & Henry E Hitchcock

Voted that these persons be propounded for admission to this Church

J. Morse Pastor

Sept 1. Voted that Mrs Lucy Fairbanks be rec'd as a member of the Ch. on recommendation from Ch. in Warren.

J. Morse Pastor

Sept 22. Voted that Mrs Perlina Smith be rec'd as a member of this ch. on recommendation from ch in Monson.

J. Morse Pastor

" Voted to give Mrs Marcia Webber a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Ch. in Holland

J. Morse Pastor

Dec. 29. Voted to give Mr Wm Upham a letter of dismission and recommendation to the church in Spencer.

J. Morse Pastor

1851

Feb 16. Voted to receive Mrs Catherine Nye Sherman as a member of this Church on recommendation from Church in Southbridge

J. Morse Pastor

Ch. Meet.

May 1. At a regular Church meeting after Prep. Lecture
Voted. That each ℔ meeting for Lecture preparatory
to the Communion shall be a regular Church
meeting for the transaction of any business
which may be brot before the Church.

Voted also. That a letter of dismission and
~~recommendation~~ be given to Mrs M. Josephine
Dimmer. and that she be recommended (as
(while with us several years since) a member
in good and regular Standing, to any Evangel-
ical Church which she may wish to join.

Voted. also. That Dea. C. R. Brown. Dea E. Knight & Bro-
Benj. Sherman be a Comtte. to make arrangements
for the meeting of the Conf. of Churches in Brook-
field Association to be held June 10.

J. Morse. Pastor

Ch. Com.

July 3. at a regular Church meeting after Prep. Lec-
Voted. That Bro. James Walker be a member
of the Standing Comtte of the Church in the
place of Bro. Dimmon Hubbard deceased.

Voted, also That Bro. D. Homer. C. Dolander and
Amos Hitchcock be a Comtte to examine the
accounts of the Church Treasurer.

J. Morse Pastor

July 6. Voted to receive as members of this Church on
Profession of their faith Ruth C. Sherman. Mi-
nerva B. Walker Charles M Barrows Edwin B. Allen

J. Morse Pastor

Aug 10. Voted to dismiss Mrs Harriet Burnham
and recommend her to the second Cong.
Church in Palmer.

J Morse Pastor

Aug 31. Received a letter asking the attendance of Pas tor
and Delegate at the installation of Rev Wm G. Colton
over the East Church in Ware.
Voted to send Dea Dan'l Shin Brown delegate

J. Morse Pastor

Sept 12. Received a letter from the Church in Sturbridge asking the attendance of Pastor and Delegate in Council to act upon the request of their Pastor Rev. D. R. Austin Voted that Bro. James Walker attend as Del.

Oct. 12 Voted J. Morse Pastor

To grant to Amos Pitcher a letter of dismission and recommendation to any Evangelical Church with which he may wish to become connected

J. Morse

Oct. Voted, To receive Mrs. Polly Snow as a member of this church upon recommendation from church in Woodstock Ct. J. Morse Pastor

Oct 29. Voted to comply with an invitation from the Church in Holland to assist in the installation of Rev. E. Paige as Pastor of that Church. Voted that Bro. Paul Paige be Del.

1852 J. Morse Pastor

Jan. 1. At a regular church meeting the Comtee appointed to examine the accounts of the Ch. Treasurer gave in their report.

Voted that the report be accepted. Said report is on file J. Morse.

Jan 4. Voted to receive as members of this Ch. on profession of their faith Sarah J Warner Sarah S. Brown. J. Morse

Feb. 4. Voted to receive Mrs Lydia G. Myles as a member of this Church on rec. from Ch in N. York.

Feb. 14 J. Morse.

Voted to dismiss Mrs Pamelia Dorr & recommend her to the care of the Church in Monson

March 8. Voted. ~~That 6~~ J. Morse.

That a contribution of 20 cents each be taken of the members of the Church to defray the Expenses of the Communion Table.

J. Morse.

April 8. Voted that Bro. G. Palander be Del. to attend with the Pastor, an ecclesiastical Council at Palmer. To consider the request of Rev. Thomas Wilson for dismission from the 2d Church in that town. J. Morse

Apr 11. Voted that Bro. Solomon Warner be del. to attend a mutual council at Warren to consider the request of the Ch. & Church for dismission from that Church. J. Morse, Pastor

Voted, that Wm. Ward & his wife be dismissed from this Church and recommended to the Church in Warren. J. Morse Pastor

May 28. Voted that Bro Lyman Upham be del. to attend a Council at ~~Warren~~ Brooklyn for the installation of Rev. B. Bates

Voted, that Elias L. Brown & his wife be received as members of this Church on recommendation from the Church in S. Woodstock Ct.

J. Morse Pastor

Sept 4. ~~Voted~~. At a regular Ch. meeting, the case in the case of Mrs Dibble having reported. It was Voted unanimously that the report be accepted and adopted, the substance of the report is that we no longer regard Mrs. Pamilla Dibble as a member of this Church, until with penitence she returns to our communion. the report on file

Mrs Dibble's case

Sept 5. J. Morse Pastor.

A letter having been received from the Church in Brookfield inviting assistance in the installation of Rev. J. R. Bragg, voted that Dea Danphin Brown be Delegate. J. Morse Pastor.

Nov 7 Voted that George B. Hitchcock George Paige and Mary M. Paige be received as members of this Church on profession of their faith.

1843. J Morse Pastor

Jan. 2. Voted that Elijah Allen, Sarah Eliza Allen Elisha Clark Marsh be received as members of this Church. J Morse, Pastor.

March 3. At a regular church meeting after Prof Lectures Voted to choose another person to the office of deacon, at the church meeting in May.

J. Morse.

March 6. Voted to receive as members of this Church the following persons, on profession of their faith Mrs Lucy D. Brown Mrs Almira C. Conant Miss Eliza S. Wright Mrs Mr. H. Eliza Dibble & Alexander

Emily J. Brown, Francis M. Howard, Wilson Homer Emory Livermore James B. Brown also Mrs Catherine Brown on recommendation from Ch. Lyndon St.

J. Morse Pastor

March 13. Voted to recommend Mrs Endocia (Conner) Flint to the Church in Monson. J. Morse. Pastor.

" 20. Voted that Bro G. R. Brown be delegate to attend with the Pastor an Ecclesiastical Council at Warren on the occasion of Installation of Rev. J. A. Northend

April 1. J. Morse.

Voted to dis- Miss Mary Caroline (Smith) and recommend her (with some qualifications) to the Ch. in Chicopee

J. Morse.

Deacons Chosen

April 27. After Prep. Lecture, Church voted to choose two additional persons to the office of deacon Bro. Solomon Homer & Bro Paul M. Paige were chosen.

J. Morse

May 1. Voted to receive as members of the Church the following persons, on profession of faith Mrs Hannah May 2d, Mrs Mary D. Moulton, Mrs. Harriet N. Upham, Sarah Jane Blanchfield, Albert Sherman Prouty, George Henry Ledyard.

J. Morse Pastor

June 30. After Prep. Lecture. Bro Solomon Homer and Bro. Paul M. Paige signified their acceptance of office of deacon to which they had been appointed

J. Morse Pas.

July 3. Voted that David Williston James be received as a member of this Church. J. Morse.

1854

Jan. 6. Voted that Mrs Olive Browning, Mrs Chloe M. Alexander, and Mary M. Isabell be received as members of this Church. J. Morse.

Ch. Committee

Jan. 28. Voted that Bro Solomon Homer be a member of the Church Committee J. Morse Pastor

April 18. Voted that Bro P. M. Paige be delegate to attend an Ecc. Council at Holland to consider the Request of Rev. A. C. Paige for dismission from the Pastorate

Also Voted that Bro. N. D. Hubbard be a delegate to attend an Eccl. Council at [illegible] to consider the request of Bro. J. Northrop for dismission and to act in reference to the installation of Bro D. Bennett.

J. Moore Pastor

May 6. Voted to receive Mrs Sophia P. Moore as a member of this Church.

Also Voted that Bro P. N. Paige be added to the Comtte of the Church. Bro C. R. Brown being absent. J. Moore.

Aug. Voted that Bro. Alvin James be a delegate to attend with the Pastor, an Ecclesiastical Council to be holden at Spencer for the examination and installation of Bro. D. G. Dodd.

J. Moore Pastor

Nov. 17. Voted that Bro. Wilson Homer be delegate to attend the council to be convened at Palmer for the Instal-
1855 lation of Rev. Jos. P. Vaill D.D. J. Moore. Pastor

June 7. Voted that Mrs Harriet E. Arnold be dismissed from this Ch. and recommended to the Plymouth Cong. Ch in Cleveland Ohio J. Moore.

May 2 Appd. Voted that Bro Orson Sherman be delegate to attend with the Pastor the council at Monson for the Installation of Rev. D. G. Colton. J Moore

Appd Voted that Bro Augustus Meeker be delegate to attend with the Pastor a council to be convened at Stafford for the installation of Rev. M. Knight

May 6. Voted to receive J. Moore

as members of the Church. Alvred Homer, Ruth B. Homer. Charlotte Ann Amanda Homer Heli N. Howard, Candace B. Howard & Lulina P. Allen

J. Moore Pastor

Also voted to receive Lulina P. Allen wife of Edwin Allen on recommendation from Ch. at Stafford Spring. J. M.

Nov. 3 Rec'd May Hubbard Homer & letter from Stambridge. J. M.

1856

June 6. Rec'd & vote Mrs Marionette Homer wife of Bro Solomon H.

Rec'd. May Lantha Brown on profession of the Faith

J. Moore

Jul 28. Rec'd & vote Mrs Mary Ann Livermore on rec. from Ch in Colchester Ct.

J. Moore

Also. Voted Mr Roswell Lunsbard & his wife Sarah. They making certain acknowledgments of indiscreet conduct, see papers on file.

1857 June. 25. Voted to dismiss Mrs Norman Stebbins } J. Moore.
to the Pres. Ch. in Beloit Wisconsin

also. J Moore.

Voted that Solomon Bond be permitted to record his dissent from the action of the Church in receiving Roswell and Sarah Lunsbard. entered above under date of Feb. 28 1856.

J. Moore.

Mr Lunsbards case

This is to certify that I am not satisfied with the action of the Church in receiving Roswell & Sarah Lunsbard as members without a more full & explicit confession of their misconduct. and I hereby record my dissent from said action.

Solomon Bond.

1857. a true copy Attest J. Moore.

Jan 11. Voted to receive Mrs Janette wife of David N. James as a member of this Church on recommendation from the Methodist Ch. in Cambridge J Moore.

Feb. 26. Voted to receive Mr Aaron Blair Mrs Almeda his wife Martha A. and Marion, his daughter, as members of this Church on rec. from Oswego Falls Ohio. Also

Mr Saml C. Kelly by letter from Randolph Vt. — also.

Voted to dismiss Mrs Sarah Lincoln Hale & rec. her to the First Cong. Ch. Beloit Wisconsin also

Voted to withdraw watch & care from Lovin Baker & wife Lucinda Hatch. Mary Mack, Mary Griggs Morrison, William Webber. Mary Remington, Ruby Blanchard Anna M. Stebbins and Owen Griffith. they having been absent from us for more than ten years, and we knowing nothing of their present residence or condition.

Absent members

May 10. Voted to dismiss & recommend Philip G. Hubbard & wife to the Ch. in Oneida &c.

" 17 Voted to receive Harvey Smith & his wife Annis M. as members

" 24 Voted to receive Nathan M. Goodale & his wife Lucy as members

Voted to dismiss & recommend Mrs Polly Snow to the Ch. in Dorset Woodstock Vt.

June 5.
1857. " Voted That Deu P. M. Paige be delegate to the council to be convened at N. Brookfield for the installation of Rev. Wm A. Beecher over the Union Cong. Ch.

Voted That Bro. David N. James be a del. to attend a Council at Southbridge to consider the question of Rev. Mr Carpenters dismission

Voted That Deu. Danphin Brown be delegate to the Conference of Churches at West Brookfield

July 1. Voted That the Pastor have the liberty to nominate a delegate to accompany him when our assistance is desired in Council

Voted That the second Sat. of every month preceding Communion be the time for the meeting of the Church Com^tee.

J. Moore Pastor

Aug. 1. Voted to dismiss Loisa (Hubbard) Reed & commend her to the Ch. in Dana. also Mrs Ruth J. Shaw to the Ch. in Mansfield Ohio.

Sept. 6. Voted to receive Jane E. Witchcock as a member.

Oct 4. Voted to receive Mrs Sarah B. Denton as a member of this Ch.

J. Moore.

Nov. 1. Voted to receive Harriet A Chamberlain Celia Ann Fanning and Ellen A. Lawrence as members, on profession of their faith

J. Moore. Pas.

Voted That Bro. Aaron Bliss be requested to visit Bro. George B. Witchcock (absent) and inquire as to his neglect of Ch. privileges.

J. Moore.

Voted to dismiss Sarah J. (Warren) Stoughton and recommend her to the fellowship of the Pres. Ch. in N. York city under the pastoral care of Dr Alexander.

1858 (See below)* J. Moore.

Mar 7. Voted to dismiss Aro N. Knight and his wife Nancy M. Knight and recommend them to the 2d. Cong. Ch. in Springfield

Voted to receive Mrs Susan E. C. Brown, on recommendation from the Ch. in Lyndon Vt.

* (June 1) Voted done

J. Moore

to receive Abbie A. wife of Calvin Chapman

J. M.

1858. ~~April~~ Voted to dismiss Asa M. Knight & Nancy, his wife & recommend them to the Cong. Ch. Springfield

June 6 Voted that Benjamin Walker be Del. to the Conf. of Churches to be holden at Brookfield

" " Voted to dismiss Alfred E. Pierce & Margaret his wife & rec. them to the Park. Cong. Ch. Brooklyn N. York accompanying the letter of dis. & rec. with the statement that they have been absent from us for seven years. J. Moore.

" 26. A letter was received from Andrew Jewell, making confession of misconduct as to covenant vows and desiring restoration to the fellowship of this church, Voted that Bro. Andrew Jewel be and hereby is restored to good standing in this church

Voted, that, at his own request he be & hereby is dismissed and recommended to the 1st Cong. Ch. in Greenfield

July 2 Voted J. Moore

To dismiss Henry E. Hitchcock and recommend him to the fellowship of the church in Ombridge

" 4 Voted to receive the following persons as members on profession of their faith. Julia Morgan, Louisa A. Upham Fanny A. Hitchcock. Mary Olivia Knight. Jane E. Spring Lucy Ann Sherman Mary Myers, Edward Hitchcock.

also by recommendation from Ch. in East Woodstock Conn. Mrs Mary E. Witter. J. Moore

Sept 4. Voted, to receive as members on profession of their faith Lucy M. Ward & Sarah E. Sessions J. Moore.

Voted that Bro. Almon Homer & Bro. Cheney Rolandson be a comte to confer with Bro. Chilson James with respect to his absenting himself from our communion.

Voted to dismiss Heli M. Howard & his wife Candace & recommend them to the Ch in Baker Jowa. This vote was passed in June. J. Moore.

Oct 26 Voted. that Bro. Almon Homer be a del. to attend with the pastor a council to be holden at West Brookfield to consider the request of Rev. L. Brimson for dismission.

Nov. 6. Voted to receive by rec. from Cong. Ch. Detroit Mich. Mrs

Delia A Parker as a member of this Church Also.
Voted. to receive Mr Edward L Bower, upon rec. from the
Cong. Ch. Sacramento, Cal. J. Moore.

1858 March 2.

By Laws

Voted to Bro Moore a Committee of three with him
Committee should prepare such By Laws as may be
necessary for the regulation of our Church
Bro. James, Bro. Moore & Sisters Bro. Bowers
Bowen, said Committee are to report at a future
Voted to dismiss Sister Sophia James Cutting
recommended her to Salem St. Ch.

March 5. Voted to receive Mrs Jane Stanton by letter J. Moore Pastor

Voted. That as Bro. Nelson Worden has long absented
himself from our fellowship and has frequently and
with unkindness admonished refuses to return and
gives no occasion to believe that he is willing to
walk in Christian Rules, Therefore, we no longer record
him as a member of this Church.

June 5. Voted J. Moore Pastor.

Voted Bro. James Parker be a delegate to attend the
Council to be convened at West Brookfield ... May
... Bro. Benjamin Hubbard be a delegate from this

July 3 Voted to receive Mrs Catherine P. Upham Mrs Lydia C. Bo
Harriet M. Bliss & Mary N. Hubbard as members of
this church, on profession of their faith

Sept 1.

The Committee appointed in March to draft By laws and
suggest any changes in the articles of Faith & Covenant
after due & prayerful deliberation, made a report to
the Church, which report was laid over from time
to time so that a full understanding of the matter
might be had. At this date, full public notice
having been given. The Report having been printed
and circulated, was acted upon. The report was

as follows.

1 Three articles of Faith IX. and X. are changed to the following

IX. "We believe that all men are alike indisposed to accept the offers of mercy made in the Gospel, and, therefore, none of our race would repent, believe and be saved, without the Special influences of the Holy Spirit in subduing their wills and renewing their hearts, according to Gods Eternal purpose in Christ Jesus."

2. The article XI. becomes X. and reads thus.

X. "We believe that those who cordially embrace Christ, will be kept by the power of god, thro faith unto Salvation'"

3. The following Covenant is adopted as a substitute for the one previously used.

Articles of Faith as amended

Covenant

Covenant

1. You do now, in the presence of God and men, enter into covenant with Jehovah, consecrating yourself to Him, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, to fear, love and obey Him forever.
2. Relying on the gracious assistance of the Spirit and taking the Scriptures as the rule of your life, you promise to walk in all the commandments of the Gospel as becomes the followers of the Lord Jesus.
3. You promise to attend conscientiously to all the duties of religion, both of a private and public nature, whether of the closet, the family or the Sanctuary.
4. You promise to forsake all evil company and amusements and practices as are inconsistent with the requirements and Spirit of the Gospel, and to live soberly, righteously and godly in this evil world.
5. You cordially unite yourself to this Church of Christ, promising to exercise towards its members and receive from them a kind and faithful watch, according to the instructions of our Lord in the 18th chap. of Matt. in order that your Christian character may be perfected and your usefulness in the cause of the Redeemer promoted.
6. You promise to do what may be in your power to

promote the purity, peace and prosperity of this church and to give of your substance as the Lord prospers you for the extension of his kingdom in the world.

We on our part (the church) receive you into our communion and promise to watch over you with christian affection, ever regarding you as members of the body of christ who is head over all things to the church. We do this, praying that both you and we may have wisdom and grace to be faithful in this covenant and to glorify him with the holiness that becomes his house forever.

amen.

4 The following Rules or By Laws shall be observed in the ordering of our church affairs.

Sec 1. Admission of members.

Art. 1. Persons wishing to unite with this church by profession of their faith, shall be examined by the church committee respecting their knowledge of the doctrines and duties of religion and their personal piety.

Art. 2. Persons admitted to this church by profession or letter must assent to its confession of faith and covenant, and be propounded at least two weeks before they are received.

Sec. 2. Church Discipline

Art. 1. In efforts to promote the order and purity of the church, the rules laid down in Matt 18. 15-17 shall be faithfully observed.

Art. 2. The absence of resident members from our communion for one year without sufficient reasons, apparent or assigned, and of non resident members for two years without such reasons, shall constitute a cause for bringing the question of their standing before the church, which question shall then be decided upon its own merits.

Sec 3. Meetings

Art 1. The church shall hold an annual meeting on the first Thursday in January, at which time the Rules shall be read and a report of the number & condition of the church presented by the pastor or clerk of the church.

Art 2. There shall be a meeting for the transaction of any business at the close of each Preparatory Lecture.

By Laws or Standing Rules of the Church

Dec 4. Lords Supper.

Art. 1. This ordinance. preceded by a Preparatory Lecture Shall be observed on the first Sabbaths in January March. May and September and November.

Sec. 5. Dismission.

Art 1. Requests for dismission may be acted on. at the Public Service of any Sabbath. Provided such requests have been read in Public two weeks previous

Sec. 6. Changes.

Art. 1. These Rules may be altered at any annual meeting of the Church.

On motion of Bro. Paige seconded by Bro Dauphin Brown Voted to accept and adopt the above report so far as it respects the Articles of Faith and Covenant.

On motion of Sherney Rolander seconded by Bro. B.R. Brown Voted to accept and adopt the report as it relates to the Standing Rules.

The above vote on the adoption of the amended Articles & Covenant was nearly unanimous only Bro? Eli Barnouse & Saml Kelly dissenting. The vote on the adoption of the Rules was entirely unanimous.

Voted that Bros. B.R. Brown. Dauphin Brown C.N. Paige N.D. Hubbard with the Pastor be a Com?te to publish the above Rules with the Articles of Faith. Covenant and a catalogue of members. J. Moore Pastor

Sept. 4 Voted to receive as members. on profession of their faith. Julia A. Griggs. Samaris A. Newton. Harriet. N. Lawrence. James D. Blair. George M. Whitehead and Charles. A. Walker.

Oct 27. Voted. That Mrs Celina G. Bucker. having long absented herself from our worship and communion and having no sympathy with this Church. we now receive her acts as separating her from this Church.

J. Moore.

Dec 23 Voted to dismiss Edward Jones & his wife Mary and recommend them to the Church in Smithfield E.B Clark Pastor

C. Hunt

1860. Jan 1. Voted to receive Anna Pickett Myles, Josephine Emerson & Helen Emerson as members of this Church

Voted. that Bro. D. C. Kelley be del. to attend with the Pastor at a council to be convened at the Globe Village to act on the request of Rev. W. Loomis for dismission.

Voted that Bro. James D. Brown be del. to attend with the Pastor a council to be convened at Brookfield. to act upon the request of Rev. M Briggs for dismission from the Cong. Ch. in that place.

Voted to receive as members on profession of their faith. ~~Anna Pickett~~ Myles. J. Moore Pastor

Voted that Orlando Griggs is no longer a member of this church. he having absented himself from it and connected himself with the Meth. Ch in Noles.

Jan 16 Voted J. Moore

To receive Mrs. Mary wife of Allen Goodale, she presenting a letter from the 3d Ch. in Cuckoopee

Voted

To record the following statement as in substance the history of the past ten years. it being the intention of the Church hereafter, to make a yearly record of its history so that these annals may not be devoid of interest in future years.

During the ten years ending Jan 1. 1860. seventy one have united with the church by profession & Fifty eight by letter. in all one hundred and nine. Thirty four have died & Thirty three have been dismissed to other churches. At the beginning of this period, the Church record contained names of more than twenty, who had been so long absent from the place that no one here, knew of their character & standing or who while residing here, had for some reason ceased to have any fellowship with the Church. Twenty such names have been stricken from the list.

Of those who have died, some have been pillars in the church. We miss their familiar faces and their labors in the Masters service

Of those who have united with the Church, most have

in younger and middle life. This we regard as a hopeful feature of our case

For three last five years. there has been a perceptible growth of interest on the part of many in the Church, especially of its younger members. Prayer meetings are sufficiently frequent. (Wed. & Sab. Eve. Thurs. P.M. & Monday Eve. before Bible class) & religious conversation is not as formerly avoided.

The state of religion in the town is rather hopeful than otherwise. Attendance at church is, on an average, increased slightly while the number attending occasionally is considerably enlarged. Many are favorable to religion who as yet have no personal interest in it. We know of no open and bitter opposition to the preaching of the Gospel. Is it because the Gospel is not preached in its more humbling doctrines or because many of those who attend church now-a-day who give an intellectual assent to those doctrines?

We can distinctly recal and name fifty two, who have become hopefully pious, during these ten years. but whose names do not appear upon our church records. Some of these (12) died in their sins, called away before we publicly owned Christ as their Lord. Some will yet declare their faith. We fear that not a few will neglect this duty and be lost to the cause of Christ. This suggests a serious question to this church. Why do so many hopefully pious neglect communion?

During the past year a series of By-Laws has been adopted for the more orderly management of church affairs and certain alterations mainly verbal. have been made in the creed & covenant.

In accordance with these rules. it will be in place to present to the church and by this vote record a brief yearly report of the condition of the religious affairs of the Church & Society & Town

March 11. Voted to receive as a member of this church Mrs Hannah Dunfee She presenting a letter from the Ch. in Palmer and assenting to our faith

June 14 Voted to dismiss Mrs Elvira Ann Golander (nee Whitney) and

recommend her to the Cong. Ch. in Westminster Mass.

J. Moore Pastor

June 24. Voted to dismiss Mrs Sarah E. Sessions (now Dyer) and recommend her to the Cong. Ch in Spencer

J. Moore

Sept. 1. Voted that Bro. Albert Brown & Mrs Catherine Perry be permitted to retain their connection with us at their special request. tho. they reside elsewhere.

Voted

That whereas Bro. George B. Hitchcock has long been absent from us and has by his own confession ceased to regard his covenant vows with us and persists in his neglect tho. often admonished

Therefore, we regard him as no longer a member of this Church

J. Moore

Oct. 6. Voted. That Letters of dismission & recommendation be given to Mrs Martha H. (Bliss) Jones - to Cong. Ch. East Longmeadow Mass.

to Mary Myers - to United Pres. Ch. in Montreal Can.

& Danl. C. Kelly to Cong. Ch in Greenfield Mass.

1861

Jan. 8. It being the time appointed for the annual church meeting but the weather unfavorable. After the usual religious service of Thursday the meeting adjourned one week.

Jan 10. Met according to adjournment and the Pastor presented the following record of the year past which was adopted as a just & proper statement of our religious condition for the year

In review of the year we have occasion to make grateful acknowledgment of mercies. The harmony of the Church has been preserved. Sabbath services have been uninterrupted meetings for prayer have been well attended & some who have been favored with these privileges, have we hope made progress in the Christian life. The Sab. School & Bible Class have kept their usual attendance. While it is to be feared that there is widely spread in the land an indifference to the subject of Temperance and while to some extent we share in the general apathy, it is still believed that public sentiment among us does not favor the use or sale of intoxicating drinks and encourages the latter to hope for speedy relief. Before the gathering storm of the day. The conflict between freedom & slavery

[illegible] Rev. Mr. Sprague & called & received as members in Regt.
Of Those who began the year with us, five have died, three of whom
were over seventy-five years of age. The fervent piety of some of
These who have departed will long live in our remembrance. Six
have been dismissed. To make good this loss of ten only five
have been received, three by profession & two by letter. It is a mighty
question with us & now urged upon your attention. Why do we
desire to be associated Churches with us, & of having so a depressing
effect on their part, or is our coldness such that communion
with us has for them no attractions."

The committee appointed to publish the rec'd. covenant &
Catalogue of the Church reported & presenting the same for
distribution.

Voted that the Covenant & Confession

Voted that Mrs Selina Smith Mrs Lora White & Mrs Rebecca Palmer
be informed of the Standing rule of the Church respecting
absent members. (Art 2. Sec 2.) J. Moore Pastor

Voted that James Walker & his wife Mary also Vincent L.
Walker & Chas. M. Walker be dismissed & rec. to Ch. in Warren

J. Moore Pastor

Voted that Rev. Mr. Sprague, Rev. T. Brown, Rev. E. Olin, Deacon
Whitcomb with the Pastor be a Comtte to inquire as to
the expediency of procuring a new Hymn Book for
Public use on the Sabbath. J. M.

Dec 4 The above named Comtte unanimously made a report
in favor of adopting the Sabbath Hymn Book in place
of the Church Psalmody now in use.
Voted to accept the Report and ask the Society to concur.

Jan 8. Voted that Edward E. Parker & Mrs M. Smith & Delia A. Merrick
be received as members of this Church

Voted that Rev. Geo. W. Judge be Delegate to attend
the Council called & to be held with the
to consider the question of the dismission of their Pastor
Rev. Wm. A. Beecher J. Moore.

Voted that Bro Lyman Upham be Delegate to attend
a council to be held at Athens for the installation
of Rev. B. F. Tefft as

Voted That Bro Eli Ramon be Delegate to attend a Council to meet at Bedford ills at the ordination of W. B. N. Dale. C. Farrar.

" 25 Voted That Mrs Vestrissa Drew having failed to comply with the regulations of this church respecting absent members, be considered as no longer a member with us.

Voted That Deacons C. R. Brown Franklin Brown, Hervey Page with the Pastor be a comte to draw up & present a paper expressing our convictions & desires respecting the present crisis in our national affairs.

Sept. 26. The above Comte reported as follows & it was voted to enter the report on our records as expressive of the unanimous sentiment of the church.

Whereas the Pres.t of these United States has proclaimed a fast & [illegible] the day to be observed by Americans in prayer. We, members of this Ch. of Christ, having met for the above named purpose [illegible]

[illegible] conflict which divides our land & threatens our national [illegible]

We do deliberately recognize American slavery as the germ of the evils that now afflict us: it having been for a long series of years, fostered in positions of the law, & a spirit nearly allied to despotism & alien to the principles that were announced & vindicated in the struggle of 1776: a spirit which, unwilling to submit to the decisions of the people expressed in a constitutional manner, has even threatened an appeal to arms to embrace our free institutions.

We do also with sorrow acknowledge that [illegible] sufficiently appreciated these institutions nor always been [illegible] of our obligations [illegible] to them.

We do therefore humbly acknowledge the justice of [illegible] for our correction.

While we do thus humble ourselves under the [illegible] which falls on [illegible] & sons of the fathers, we record it as our earnest [illegible]

Thirdly That God may so sanctify unto us this present discipline
as to cause us to return to him, That we shall not again
trust in an arm of flesh to the neglect of him & this

4ly That God may interpose graciously for the defence and
permanent establishment of our free institutions & again
give us peace. We pray that comes of righteousness.

And lastly That as his own infinite wisdom shall direct
he may overrule this conflict for the extermination of this
evil which is equally at war with his Word & our natural
rights & which is prompting these insane attempts to
subvert one of the most equitable & benign Govts that has
existed on earth.

1861

for 9th At a regular Church Meeting called & ordered by
Bro P. Ball as Moderator
Voted. That Dea C.K. Brown be Moderator
" " Elijah Allen Clerk
" To accept the report of Dea J.H. Hoyt
relation to Mrs (Pierce) White
Dea C. K. Brown offered the following resolutions
which were adopted unanimously.

Resolutions

Whereas It has pleased Almighty God in his mysterious providence to remove from us by death our greatly beloved Pastor, Rev Jason Aldrich;
Therefore Resolved That in our present bereavement we recognize the holy hand of an all-wise and just God, and bow with humble

Resolved That we deeply mourn the loss
one, whose many virtues as a Man and a citizen,
labors as our Pastor and Spiritual guide, justly

our sincere affection;

Resolved That to his deeply afflicted widow, we extend our grateful Sympathies, and desire for her the supporting presence of her Covenant God, While we fully believe that her loss is the unspeakable gain of her lamented husband.

Resolved That we tender to the Association of Ministers to which our late Pastor be
ness in offering to supply for a Season our now vacant pulpit with our earnest
be made subservient to their highest good.

Voted that a copy of the above Resolutions be
Sent to each Rev. Mr Perkins of Hare and
Rev. Mr Cushing of North Brookfield
Also That a copy be sent to the Congregationalist
and Boston Recorder for publication
Voted To dissolve the meeting
Attest Elijah Allen Clerk

Meeting called to order by Moderator
Voted that Julia Eliza (wife of Edward Hitchcock)
Ellen A. and Lowran A. Charles. and
Julia Barbell Brown be received as Members
of this Church
Voted that a letter of dismission and recommen-
dation to the Methodist Episcopal Church
in Monson be given to Sarah M. Lepam
(now Rogers)
Voted that Mrs Azubah Johnson having failed
to comply with the regulations of this Church
respecting absent Members is considered no
longer a member with us.
Voted that the Annual report of the Church be postponed
two weeks.
Voted that Dea. E. R. Brown be a committee in connection
with the Clerk in making out the above named
report.
Voted to adjourn the meeting.
Attest Elijah Allen Clerk.

Mar 1st Voted Dea Dauphin Brown Moderator pro tem

Voted to give Mrs Susan E. C. Brown a letter of
dismission from this Church and recommenda-
tion to the Church in Lincoln Illinois.
Voted to adjourn to next preparatory Lecture

Elijah Allen Clerk

1862

May 8 Voted That notice be given from the Desk next Lords day calling a Meeting of this Church to be held two weeks from this day at 3 o'clock P.M. to act in relation to the settlement of Rev Mr Hyde as our Pastor.

Voted To adjourn this Meeting.

May 22. The Meting was opened with prayer by Dea Danphin Brown.

The following notice which was voted to be given at the last meeting was then read by the Moderator

Notice of Church Meeting

A Meeting of the Church will be held in the Vestry on Thursday May 22nd at three o'clock P.M. to see if the Church will vote to invite Rev. Charles M. Hyde to settle over this Church and People in the Gospel Ministry.

Also to choose any Committees that may be deemed expedient and transact any other business that may necessarily come before the meeting.

Signed C. B. Brown Moderator.

Voted unanamously to invite Rev Mr. Hyde to settle over this Church according to the above notice.

Voted that a Committee of three be chosen to act with the Society in carrying the same into effect.

Voted that Dea Paul W. Paige.
" Solomon Homer. } the Com-
Newton T. Hubbard } mittee

May 12 Voted to choose a Committee of three to confer with any Committee the Society may Chuse to consider the expediency of procuring a Monument to be placed over the grave of our late beloved Pastor, Rev Jason Haven, and for taking all necessary steps to carry the [illegible] effect.

Said Monument to be obtained by funds contributed by the Inhabitants at large [illegible]

Voted That Elijah Allen
Nel. Romer
Jas. H Blair
be that Committee [illegible]

Elijah Allen Clerk

July 2d. Voted to give Geo H. LeRoyt a letter of dismission from this Church and of recommendation to the St Johns Episcopal Church in North Hampton Mass.

E. Allen. Clerk

Copy.

Minutes of the Ecclesiastical Council,
called for the Settlement
of
Chas. M. Hyde,
as Pastor of the First Congregational Church.

Brimfield, Aug. 19, 62

Pursuant to Letters Missive from the Congregational Church and Society in this town, an Ecclesiastical Council assembled at the meeting-house this morning, at ten o'c. for the purpose of ordaining & Rev. Charles M. Hyde as said Pastor. The Council was composed of Pastors and Delegates as follows:

From the Church in Williams College — Rev. Mark Hopkins D. D. Pastor.

Palmer — Rev. Joseph Vaill, D.D. Pastor.
Bro. E. Blanchard, Delegate.

Walden — Rev. S. L. Smith
Deac. Timothy Brainard

Ware Village — Deac. Abner Hitchcock

North Brookfield — Rev. Christopher Cushing
Deac. Calvin W. Nutting

Brookfield — Rev. Joshua Coit
Bro. Warren S. Wood

Sturbridge — Rev. Summer G. Clapp
Bro. S. A. Drake

Southbridge — Rev. Eber Carpenter
Deac. Jonathan Nutting

Holland — Rev. Ogden Hall, Acting Pastor
Deac. Horace Wallis, Delegate.

Monson — Rev. Theron E. Cotton
Rev. George F. Emmons.

The Council was organized by the choice of Rev. Dr. Field as Moderator, and of Rev. Mr. Carpenter as Scribe.

The Moderator led the Council in prayer.

Documents were presented before the council from the Records of the Church and of the Society, which gave Evidence that Mr. Charles M. Hyde had received a unanimous call from the Church and Society, and had accepted the same. Mr. Hyde also presented before the Council certificates of his Church Membership and of his license to preach the Gospel. Whereupon it was

Voted, that the papers are satisfactory: and that the Council now proceed to the Examination of the Candidate.

After a full and free examination of Mr. Hyde respecting his views of Christian truth, and his ability to state and defend them; and also respecting his religious Experience, and his motives for entering the Gospel ministry, the Council unanimously

Voted, that they were satisfied with the candidate: And that they would proceed to his ordination, at half past one o'clock this afternoon, agreeably to the accompanying Order of Exercises.

Accordingly, in the afternoon, the parts as thus assigned were severally performed, a large and attentive Congregation being assembled.

Voted, To accept the foregoing as the Result of this Council, and to adjourn sine die

Attest, Joseph Field, Moderator.

E. Carpenter, Scribe.

Order of Exercises
at the ordination of Mr. Charles H. Hyde,
Brimfield, Tuesday, Aug. 19, 1862.

I	Anthem by the Choir, "How beautiful upon the Mountains!"	
II	Invocation, and Reading of the Scriptures	Rev. Mr. Cox
III	Prayer	Rev. Mr. Hall
IV	Hymn, "Father, how wide thy glory shines."	
V	Sermon, from Col. I. 28	Rev. Dr. Hopkins
VI	Ordaining Prayer	Rev. Dr. Vaill
VII	Hymn, "With heavenly power, O Lord, defend"	
VIII	Charge to the Pastor	Rev. Mr. Corbin
IX	Right Hand of Fellowship	Rev. Mr. Cummings
X	Address to the Church and People	Rev. Mr. Hayden
XI	Prayer	Rev. Mr. Smith
XII	Hymn, "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing"	
XIII	Benediction by	The Pastor.

The Council and Invited Guests were Entertained at the hotel, and expressed themselves as highly pleased with the arrangements and Exercises of the Occasion.

May the God of grace bless the connection this day formed to the eternal good of all concerned.

Sept. 4th, 1862.

At the Prayer-meeting Lecture this afternoon the Church came to order for the transaction of business, Dea. C. R. Brown in the Chair.

Both the Moderator, Dea. C. R. Brown, and the Clerk, Elijah Allen, resigned their offices. Their resignations were accepted and a vote of thanks for their official services was passed.

Rev. Chas. M. Hyde was received as a member of this Church, on recommendation from the Congregational Church in Sheffield, Mass.

The Pastor was chosen Moderator and Clerk of the Church.

The Pastor suggested to the Church the propriety of uniting with him the next Sabbath in publicly renewing the Confession of Faith, and entering into Covenant with God, and with each other. It was voted, that the Articles of Faith, and the Covenant should be read; and that the members of the Church should rise from their seats and stand during the reading, in testimonial of their renewed consecration to the service of the Redeemer.

It was also agreed upon that hereafter the Doxology in Old Hundred should be sung at the close of the services Each Sunday morning, and a familiar hymn in a familiar tune Every Sunday afternoon: and that during the singing of the hymns the Congregation should be requested to stand without turning to face the Choir.

Attest, Chas. M. Hyde Moderator Clerk

Oct. 30th, 1862.

The Pastor was chosen a member of the Standing Committee of the Church.

On behalf of the Ladies' Benevolent Association, the Pastor presented as a gift from them to the Church, a new Communion Service. The gift was accepted, and thanks voted to the donors.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be authorized to dispose of the old Communion Service in whatever way may seem best to them.

Jan. 1, 1863.

In accordance with the Standing Rules of the Church the Pastor submitted the following as the Annual Report [illegible]

Annual Report — 1862.

In summing up the various history of this community during the past year, we find abundant occasion for gratitude to God and an incitement to renewed and increased activity in His service. While thankful for the mercies we have received from our God, yet unprofitable servants as we are at the best, we find no cause for self-gratulation in a review of the visible results of the labors exerted and opportunities enjoyed. Christ's cause and Kingdom seem to have made little, if any, advance under our administration the past year in this community. We should consider one another, brethren, to provoke to love and good works; and labor and pray, pray and labor the coming year with the desire as well as the hope of accomplishing more for the glory of our Divine Redeemer, and the good of our fellow creatures. During the first three months of the year the pulpit was supplied by the ministers of the Rock Hill Association, employing six months of the time in preaching the Gospel and calling the Rev. Mr. Moore, had he God and continued his ministrations, was called to this field. With the first Sabbath in April the present pastor commenced his labors, and has continued since that time with but little interruption, having received a call from the Church on the 22d of May, and being [illegible] ordained and installed on the 19th of Oct. ult.

The attendance during these 9 months last past has been generally good, and the people have been attentive hearers. Of the Christian graces all taken and each a part as might have been wished, it is only one of the most special mercies ordered has marked the public services of the Sabbath day and the week evening meetings. The usual services have been held on Sabbath for the regular services of the Sabbath, the Thursday afternoon meeting has been a Bible Class on Monday Evenings conducted by the Pastor, and a Study Evening meeting between each alternate by a dozen or more [illegible] such a meeting [illegible]

gration. [illegible] the last Thursday in [illegible] has been taken for the Monthly Concert of Prayer, the last previous to [illegible]. The Week of Sabbath Evening Conference preceded at East Lane, & spent in devotional exercises.

The Parish Library has been well sustained under the superintendence of Mrs. H. S. Ballard, and [illegible] needs to extend its limits in future. The Statistics of attendance show the average no. present for the last 8 mos. to be 88, Exclusive of the Bible Class which was taken charge of by Miss Laura Hitchcock, & has met with the School in the Lecture Room, in the winter at the District School House, & presents an average attendance of [illegible].

The contributions of the Church and Society, thanks to a special donation from one of its members $100 to the Western Reed Memorial Fund, [illegible] in the amount given to the Benevolent organizations to which the Church has usually contributed. Special claims have been made upon us this year on behalf of those who have gone into the military service of the country. This community has not been backward in its endeavors to support the Government in the defence of our political institutions. The Ladies have labored with commendable diligence in furnishing to the U. S. Sanitary Commission such articles as might minister comfort to the sick soldier. Our Young Men have volunteered at the call of our constituted authorities and left home & friends & peaceful occupations for the hardships of the camp and the Exposures of a soldier's life. This Church has parted with some of its members thus for a season, and some have been brought back to find a resting place by the side of the departed Kindred. It will be long before the mention of the name of Gen. Paige will cease to Excite emotions of [illegible], as he lived and so universally was he known and loved. Wm. Ed. [illegible] admitted to the communion of this Church is another of the many noble young men that have laid down their lives on the altar of their Country. Besides these we record the names of two others who have died the past year, Mrs. Maria Nichols & Mrs. Sybil Ward; making Five all removed by death. Three have been dismissed & recommended to other Churches. We have added to our number 5 by profession, the Pastor having transferred his Church connection makes the sixth [illegible]

The Treasurer reported a balance of about six dollars due him, but expressed his desire that action on the matter be postponed till our currency should be in a better state: in which the Church acquiesced.

C.M. Hyde.

Voted, in Church Committee, Jan. 1, to receive Miss Ellen P. Shaw as member of the Church on profession.

C.M. Hyde.

Voted, To dismiss Tidelia L. Alexander, now Barnes, and recommend her to the Evangelical Church in So. Brookfield, Jan. 18, 1863.

C.M. Hyde.

Voted, That Dea. Solomon Howes be our Delegate to the Council invited at Warren, 17th inst., to dismiss Rev. C.S. Smith, and install Rev. E.F. Jaggar.

C.M. Hyde.

Voted, That Deac. Dauphin Brown be our Delegate to the Brookfield Association to meet at Spencer 4th prox.

C.M. Hyde

Voted, To receive Miss Ursula J. Shaw on recommendation from the Church in Mansfield, O.

C.M. Hyde.

Voted, That Bro. Orson Sherman be our Delegate to attend the Council at [illegible], Jan. 1, for the Installation of Rev. M.B. Angell.

C.M. Hyde, Sec.

Voted, To receive Mrs. Frances M. Bliss to the Communion of the Church on recommendation from the Church in Detroit.

Voted To dismiss and recommend Mrs. Caulens Upham to the Church in South Brookfield.

C.M. Hyde

Voted, To dismiss Mrs. Thos. Rice, and recommend her to the Church in Shrewsbury.

C.M. Hyde

Voted, That Deac. R.W. Paige act as our Delegate to the Brookfield Auxiliary For. Miss. Soc.

Voted, To receive into fellowship with us Mr. & Mrs. W.S. Kup in accordance with letters of recommendation from the Church of which Rev. W. Barnard is Pastor. Voted, To receive into our communion on profession of faith Mrs. [illegible]

The Church met after the Preparatory Lecture. The [illegible] was adopted and ordered to be entered on the Records.

[illegible], Dec. 6. 1863. —

In the review of our religious history for the past year while we have occasion for devout thanksgiving to God for [illegible] have made no better improvement of Divine favors. While we [illegible] earthly things to spiritual, there has been too little appreciation of the supreme importance of eternal realities. Undoubtedly, [illegible] this past year on the [illegible] of the [illegible] of the people has been necessarily in a measure, diverted from higher objects. [illegible] Audience room of the Church Edifice has interrupted the regular [illegible] which we need in our religious services in order to secure the fullest and deepest impression.

The last Sabbath in June was the last time that we worshipped in the upper room, and the repairs having been unexpectedly and tediously protracted, with much personal discomfort we have met in the room used for the Town Hall. Yet the attendance on the services of the Sabbath has been remarkably good, and the people have submitted most patiently to the delay and inconvenience. The regular Thursday afternoon meeting was held in the Vestry and was continued from July 1 to Dec 3, a necessity existed to attempt with might the benefits of the frequent assembling together of Christians for prayer and praise and conference. The Sabbath School was also suffered in consequence of the disarrangement of its usual order. Mrs. Joel Wyles presided at the S.S. organ last year, and by collections nearly $30. of which 40 new books were added to the Library. The School was also furnished with Music books by Mrs. Henry Wyles, that was of interest and profit among the children in singing S.S. melodies. At the invitation of the S.S. the children of the town resided as in the Fall to July and received their Mid-summer Part with music and speeches, and [illegible] from a number of real talk contributed by our citizens generally. The custom of taking up a collection

collection weekly has been introduced and met with noteworthy success, the S. S. contributing in this way nearly $19 per quarter. The regular contributions of the Church have increased for the regular benevolent causes, with the exception of the ABCFM.

There have been a few cases of conversion, enough to encourage the hope that if there could be a deeper work of piety in the Church, the hearts of many, among the young especially, would be led in connection with it to a deeper affection for our divine Redeemer.

While mercifully spared the sight and experience of the horrors of civil war, we have not been uninterested in the contest, or regardless of the principles of moral right and political justice involved in it. Many prayers have been put up to the throne of grace that God would grant success to our righteous cause. The fourth Sabbath of the month has usually been observed as a concert of prayer to this object, and the appointments of the National and State Authorities of seasons of Public Thanksgiving and Praise or Humiliation and Prayer, have with one exception, the National Thanksgiving Aug 6, been publicly observed.

We have had our trials as individuals and as a Church. We mourn the loss during the year of four members from our communion by death, viz. Mr. Elias Talcott and Mrs. Lucy Bishop being the oldest on our Register. Mr. Benj. Stevens was [illegible] and Mr. Abner Hitchcock was noted among the brethren for his love of the house of prayer and his punctual attendance on our religious services. The last three were victims of the dysentery which [illegible] a fatal epidemic but the good Lord has mercifully stayed its ravages, though one day (Aug. 22) the bell was tolled for the deaths of three individuals, a most [illegible] occurrence in the history of the town.

Three of our members have received letters of dismission to other churches, and eight have been added during the year by profession and [illegible] so that our membership now numbers 169, 142 on 27 [illegible]

At the request of the Standing Committee, a Committee of nomination was appointed to report the name of some brother to fill the vacancy in that body occasioned by the death of Bro. Sherman Dea. Paige, Bro. Elijah Allen, and Bro. Stanley Smith being appointed that Committee, reported the name of Bro. David N. James. Their report was adopted, Bro. James was chosen one of the Standing Committee.

On motion of Dea. Paige, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Whereas, Rev. Joseph Tuttle was ordained and in this church Feb. 2, 1814 was for nearly 22 years, ordained pastor, and is now the pastor of the 2d Church in the neighboring town of Palmer, and will soon be called by God to put off his body of flesh, from the field of his services in the work of the Gospel Ministry; and

Whereas, It is fitting that so remarkable a Providence should in some suitable way be commemorated; therefore

Resolved, That a committee of three be chosen to invite Dr. Tuttle to deliver before us at such time as may be mutually convenient to him a discourse commemorative of the occasion of the semi-centennial anniversary of his ordination: and that this committee be authorized to make such arrangements as may be needful.

The Pastor, Dea. Paige, and Bro. Stanley were chosen a committee for this purpose.

Articles 2 & 3 Section 1 of the Standing Rules was Amended so as to read.

"Candidates for admission to the Church either on profession of faith or by letter of recommendation from other churches shall be proposed at least two weeks before they are received.

If no sufficient objection be made, they shall be received as members after a vote of the Church to that effect upon publicly assenting to the Confession of Faith and Church covenant before they receive the communion and after receiving the sacrament of baptism if it has not been previously administered."

Covenant &c.

Miss Matilda Mayyy was received into the Communion of this ~~Church~~ upon a letter of recommendation from the Union Church in Worcester, Mass. And Mrs. Elijah Allen, upon profession of her faith.

C. M. Hyde, Clk.

Voted that the Pastor, Bros. C. H. Paige, I. Marcus Hitchcock, and N. S. Hubbard be a committee to request a copy of Dr. Baillie's Sermons for publication, and procure the printing and distribution of same [illegible]

C. M. Hyde, Clk.

Voted to comply with the invitation of the Church in Shffield, and appointed Bro. J. S. Blair Deacon to attend the Council to be holden in said town on the 17th inst. for the purpose of installing Rev. D. L. Sabler as Pastor of said Ch.

C. M. Hyde, Clk.

Voted, to admit to the membership of this Church Mrs. [illegible] Hyde, Miss [illegible] Hyde, Miss [illegible] Hyde, and Miss Mary A. Hyde — on recommendation from the Church in the care of Rev. H. L. Carpenter, Brooklyn N.Y.

C. M. Hyde, Clk.

Chose Bro. Elijah Allen to go as Delegate to the Annual meeting of the Brookfield Conference to be held at Oakham, 14th inst.

C. M. Hyde, Clk.

Voted to receive into our Communion Edward Bliss, on a letter of recommendation from 2d Pres. Ch. in Detroit. & Miss Ellen A. Upham, on profession of her faith.

Voted, To dismiss & recommend Bro. Nelson Horner & his wife to the Church of Christ in Hubbardston, Mich.

A letter was read from the Church in Atlanta, Ill. acknowledging the receipt of a communion service from this Ch.

C. M. Hyde, Clk.

Voted to receive into our Communion Mrs. Bathsheba Stedman on recommendation from the First Cong. Ch. in Meriden, Ct. and on profession of her faith, Jr., Dickerman, Ezra Blair, Jr. Blair, Lucy Brown, Abby Brown, Emma Dale, Mary Emerson, Sarah Griggs, Lucia Hyde, Clara Hunter, Augusta [illegible] Ella Hyde, Sarah Allen, Charles Pickett, Bradford Warner, John Hubbard.

Voted to dismiss & recommend Mrs. [illegible] Sprague to the Church of which she is a member.

C. M. Hyde, Clk.

Annual Report, Jan. 5, 1865.

In the review of God's dealings with us during the year just closed, we have abundant reason for devout gratitude. Death has not made such diminution in our numbers as in some former years, and the additions to our fellowship have been more numerous. Mrs. Lyman Upham, Miss Louisa Upham and Wid. Ichabod Bliss have this year exchanged the earthly garments of service for the celestial robes of joy. Though [illegible] the uniform self-forgetfulness of these departed sisters, we rejoice that they have departed "to be with Christ, which is far better." The additions to our fellowship have been mainly from among the young, many of whom became earnestly interested in personal religion during the summer. At one of the meetings held for the benefit [illegible] of the scholars of the Hitchcock School under the care of the teacher Mr. C. M. Palmer, May 9, remarks made by [illegible] Pastor in view of his contemplated [illegible] Christian Commission, seemed to have an influence unusual and unexpected. When on the Monday following, as had been done before in vain, opportunity was given for personal conversation with the Pastor at his house, 21 came, and it was evident that the Spirit of the Lord was at the work in the hearts of the young. [The Pastor gave up his contemplated visit to the Army.] Public services were held for several weeks, [illegible] three times a week, and the result was that many rejoiced in hope of salvation by Christ. At the Communion in November, 13 united with the Church in a public profession of faith. The religious interest [illegible] [humble undisturbed] and [illegible] endeavor are demanded of us, if others are to be reached. Each [illegible] resting upon them, and recognize the dangerous condition of every one out of Christ. The Pastor's [illegible] delayed to his gratification by this demand for pastoral labor at home, occurred early in November and during his seven weeks absence the [illegible]

of God.

An interesting occasion in the month of February might not be forgotten in this brief review of the history of the year. On the 7th of February, by invitation of this Church, Stringfellow Barr, D.D. now of Palmyra for nearly 20 years the beloved pastor of this Church, his first charge, delivered a historical discourse, commemorative of the 50th Anniversary of his ordination. The occasion was one of rare interest, the Church [illegible] with a large attendance, and an appreciative assembly, rejoicing with a veteran servant of the Lord [illegible] the light and precepts of [illegible] labors. The discourse, since printed, is now in the hands of many of the people, a valued record of the days of old.

On the 24th of January, the repaired rooms of the Meeting house which had been for several months undergoing alteration and repairs, newly fitted up were dedicated to the service of God. The Organ, enlarged [illegible] and the comforts of the worshippers immediately enhanced. The audience has increased in numbers, and it is not too much to hope that each and every seat may be occupied by regular attendants on the services of the Sanctuary.

Three have been dismissed from our number, three have died, twenty-six have been added, and we now stand one hundred and ninety against one hundred and sixty-nine of last year. The Sunday School has progressed with a good degree of interest under the [illegible] Superintendence. [illegible] Lesson [illegible] Jesus in the [illegible] the study of the Old Testament types and prophecies will serve to awaken a deeper interest in the New Testament facts and doctrines. Notwithstanding the increased rate of expenditure occasioned by our unhappy civil war, the incessant and various calls upon [illegible] have been [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] have been liberal beyond all precedent. And may we not believe that commencing the new year with larger hearts and firmer faith and brighter hopes, more resolute determination to make the work of

the Lord our Chief concern, we shall record at this time still greater measures of spiritual and temporal prosperity in this community, Peace and harmony and fraternity among our common Country, and the dawn of latter day glory for the world?

Chas. M. Hyde, Pastor & Clerk.

Apl 6 Mrs. Pattie H. Lumbard, presented to the Church Com. a certificate of having received a regular dismissal from the Cong. Ch. in Smithfield, R. I. to the Cong. Ch. in Westfield, N. J. and having been made further advances in the latter Church, it was voted by the Committee, that the be forwarded to the Church in virtue of said certificate.

The Committee appointed Bro. E. C. [illegible] a Committee to audit the accounts of Bro. Dauphin Brown Treasurer of the Church, in season to report at the next Preparatory Lecture.

Apl 20 Voted, All that signed, to dismiss Mrs. Betsey S. Homer & Mrs. P. D. Arnold, and give them letters of recommendation to the Spring St. Cong'l Church, Milwaukee, Wisc.

C. M. Hyde Clk

May 4 Voted, To receive Mrs. Pattie H. Lumbard into the [illegible] Church.

Voted, That Bro. Marcus Hitchcock be the delegate of this Church to the Brookfield Associational Conference [illegible] the delegate to the ensuing Yearly meeting, to be held in Milton, Dec. 14th & the delegate to the ensuing Yearly meeting, to be held in Milton, Dec. 14th & the Treasurer and to assess a tax of twenty five cents on each member, to be paid to him or Bro. J. S. Blair, Collector, within the month.

C. M. Hyde Clk

Sept 1 Voted, To accept the invitation of the Ch. in New Braintree to attend a Council in reference to the Ordination of Mr. Nathan Thompson, under appointment as a Home Missionary to Colorado. A true [illegible] C. M. Hyde Clk

C. M. Hyde, Clk

Oct 2 Voted, To give to Mrs. Ellen R. Parker at her request a certificate of dismission, and recommendation to the First Presbyterian Church, Clyde, Ohio. Accepted the request for dismission & recommendation was granted.

Annual Report adopted Jan. 4, 1866.

In presenting the Annual Report according to the Rule of Church Order, it is an occasion of devout gratitude that the year 1865 has been one of unusual healthfulness. Yet death has not been idle and about the average number have fallen some time with disease, some by sudden mortal disease, some after lingering painful illness. Sickness, long protracted seems to have been blessed of God this year to those who have thus passed into the spirit world, and to have led them to themselves & their gave good Evidence of having been brought near to God by repentance and faith. Of the membership of the Church, three who commenced the year in the are not. In the great assembly & church of the first born whose names are written in heaven, to the Church has added above him the year one, Bro. Jonathan Downs, the oldest member; Miss Harriet James, who united in 1824, Miss Ellen A. Hamilton, the new one of the young converts added in Nov. 1864.

While for physical health we have much cause to be thankful, the year has not been characterized by any marked spiritual prosperity. While the Sabbath audiences have been larger than for, the Thursday afternoon meetings, during the summer have especially been unusually thin. The young people's prayer meetings on Thursday Evenings have been fully attended, and many of them characterized by much deep and tender feeling. Only one addition has been made to the Church by letter, and not Even one on profession. The Contributions to benevolent objects have been largely in excess of former years. The Labor Benevolent Society has been employed mainly in labor for the Freedmen. The Saturday Evening prayer meetings have been discontinued. The general interest in the Sabbath School has been well sustained and the Quarterly Concerts have been made especially interesting by the variety and Excellence of the parts taken by the several classes in the Exercises.

The year has been one of great public excitement. The closing scenes of the Slaveholders' Rebellion, the Assassination of Pres. Lincoln, the Enthronement of a new President, and a new Cabinet upon the conduct of national affairs in a most critical juncture in the national history, have

Nov. 4 demanded appropriate notice on the Exercises of [illegible]
This generation can never forget the Sabbath which [illegible]
the murder of the President, the [illegible] of solemn and [illegible]
is occasioned, and yet also the calm trust which [illegible]
Envied in the God who delights to exercise loving kindness,
righteousness, and judgement in the Earth.
With the return of peace, with a government now [illegible]
complicity with the iniquities System of negro slavery with
indications on every hand of unprecedented prosperity,
need now to feel more than Ever our dependence on the
blessing of God, or any real permanent good. In the
privileges and opportunities with which we are on these
days favored, we have high incitements to duty. To
Calling his Church in this nation to earnest watchful
Endeavor. Let our consecrate ourselves anew and entirely
to the will of God, to the service of Christ, to the spread
holiness, with fidelity, love, and zeal.

Voted, to adopt the above Report.

On motion of Dea. Paige, since it is evident that the
majority of the congregation prefer to do

Voted to Sit during the "Invocation" in the [illegible]

Dea. Grayson Brown presented his Report as Treasurer
which was accepted, from which it appears that there was
in the treasury at the beginning of the year $ [illegible]; the dues
have been $ [illegible] and the Expenses $ [illegible] leaving a
balance of $ [illegible]

Voted To admit John Hunter to the Communion
of this Church on profession of faith.

Chas. M. Hyde, C. K.

Feb. 25 Voted, To dismiss Eli Barrows and Lucretia, his wife, and
recommend them to the Church in Sunderland.

Chas. M. Hyde, C. K.

Sept. 1 Voted, To dismiss Archer A. Smith and Delia A. Bo[illegible]
his wife, and recommend them to the Church in Chicopee.

Chas. M. Hyde, C. K.

May 3 At the close of the Preparatory Lecture the following Resolu[illegible]
[illegible] adopted after an official communication in [illegible]
Hitchcock's donation had been read by the Past[illegible]

Whereas the Evangelical Church of this Church has received from T. A. Hitchcock, Esq. at its last annual meeting, a ministerial fund of $5000:

Resolved, That as a Church, we are most sincerely grateful for this liberality of one of our number, and that [illegible] missions of the benevolent donor may be more [illegible] in the perpetuation among this people of a faithful ministry, and in [illegible] often manifested interest in the prosperity of this native town, [illegible] that it may ever be the glory of our Zion, not only that the Lord is in the midst of her to bless her, but that of many Christs redeemed ones it may be said, This and that man was born there.

Resolved that the Clerk communicate to Bro. Hitchcock this vote, and a copy of the above resolution.

Chas. M. Hyde, Clk.

Voted, To [illegible] Union Church in Worcester: And Mrs. Thos. Aaron Bliss, alias Martha A. Bliss, alias Hattie M. Bliss, alias C. Walter Brown to the Union Park Church, Chicago, Ill.

Voted, That the Church will accept the [illegible] Walden desires of forming a Congregational Church, And that Wm. Dwight Bissell be the Delegate.

Chas. M. Hyde, Clk.

[illegible]

Beheld at Southbridge, June 19.

Chas. M. Hyde, Clk.

Voted, To admit to our Communion on profession [illegible] Gregg, Daniel L. Gregg, Widow John Shaw, Theodore Marcus A. Smith.

Chas. M. Hyde, Clk.

Sept. 9 Voted, To accept the invitation of the North Church in Springfield to a council in reference to the installation of the Rev. R. G. Greene, and that Deac. P. W. Paige be our delegate.

Chas. Hyde, Clk.

11 Voted, To accept the invitation of the Congregational Church in Monson to a council, to be convened by said Church in Monson on Monday, June 12th, for the ordination and installation of Mr. A. H. Jones: and it was voted, To accept the invitation and send Deac. Dauphin Dunn as our delegate.

Chas. Hyde, Clk.

Dec. 9 Voted To dismiss Mrs. H. B. Gould & recommend her to any Church of Christ with which it may appear to her duty to unite.

Voted To dismiss Mrs. Mary Ann Kelly from the Church in Palmer. The letter for Mrs. Kelly according to the request of the sister (one of the church here) was directed to the Second Church in Palmer.

Chas. Hyde, Clk.

— Annual Report, 1867. —

Three of our number have died the past year. Eleven have received letters of dismission to other churches. Seven have united with us on profession of their faith. So that we now number seven less than last year: 178 in all, 48 males, 130 females.

There has been the usual steady attention to the S. S. Our benevolent contributions to the leading benevolent societies have been slightly in advance of former years though as there has been no extraordinary call on the Churches of the people the sum total of our benevolent contributions is less than last year. The Sabbath services have been as well attended as in any previous year of my ministry, but the prayer meetings on Thursday afternoon have been sadly neglected: perhaps causes of this attendance have existed the past year that did not exist formerly; perhaps slighter causes have availed to prevent earnest and constant prayer diligently to improve this means of grace for our own and others' spiritual good.

Throughout has the general health of our community been better: never in my settlement here has there been much greater freedom from spiritual crisis. The outward blessings of the harvest field, never in any better condition, but the spiritual condition of

has been earnestly before the Church's standard
of the Church, at the annual
meeting of the Society in April made most liberal provision
for the salary of the Pastor by the donation of a Ministerial
Fund of $300. Shall we not pray that the Holy Spirit
will so order with grace and grace Every member, that
Every one shall be a [illegible] spiritual blessing
to every one and to the whole community. Only
when this order shall be maintained can we be assembled as
a Church, "waiting upon the Lord and all, strengthened
with all might according to his glorious power"
of God."

Nov. 3 On the Articles of Faith, the Church Covenant
read and adopted, and ordered on file.

The Treasurer's Report received, Examined
$19.25 Balance $3.02 Bill against [illegible] was rejected.

Mrs. Harriet Briggs was admitted a member upon
recommendation from the Church in Leamington.

Miss Mary A. Hyde was dismissed to the
First Pres. Ch. Elizabeth, New Jersey.

The Ladies were requested to make arrange-
ments for the Entertainment of the next Presbyterial
Church which is to meet with us in Conference
next Tuesday. The Church [illegible]
meeting, but upon application, held on the [illegible]

[illegible] Saturday, Sabbath & Weekday, Wednesday
Thursday are invited to meet with us.
The meetings are [illegible]

July 4 individual as well as organ.
" " of Christ's Kingdom.

Chas. M. Hyde

Nov. 3 Voted, To admit by membership Miss. Lizzie A. B.
Ad. certificate from Baptist Church in Palmer.

Chas. M. Hyde, C.

May 2 ad. Voted, To admit to our Communion on profession of faith Sister S. Brown; and on profession of faith, & with recommendation from Church in Lowell, viz. Sarah Jane Sisson, wife of Sister Sisson & dismission & recommendation

Ed. also Mrs. Lucy Spaulding to the Church in Delavan, Wisc.

C. M. Hyde Clk.

June 2 ad Voted, To send Bro. C. Sherman to the Council called at Shrewsbury, June 5, to dismiss Rev. M. B. Angier.

Also, To send Deac. C. R. Brown as delegate to the Council [illegible] to be held at Paris, 18th inst.

C. M. Hyde Clk.

June 16 pd Voted, To give Mrs. Sophia Alexander a letter of recommendation to the First Congregational Church in Westfield, granting her request for dismission & transfer.

C. M. Hyde, Clk.

July 3 ad. Voted, To receive into our Communion on their public ratification of the Covenant, Mr. Simon B. Ward, and Mrs. Augusta A. Ward, his wife, on letters of dismission and recommendation from the Church in Cambridge.

C. M. Hyde, Clk.

Aug. 4 pd. Voted, To give letters of dismission and recommendation to the [illegible] Church [illegible] to Mrs. [illegible] Lyman And her sister Miss Mary E. Brown: also to Miss Cynthia A. Partridge, to the [illegible]

C. M. Hyde, Clk.

Aug. 20 pd Voted, To give letters of dismission to Deac. T. Hosmer Hyde recommending them to the Church in Warren: and to Mrs. Susan Bliss, recommending her to the Mission Chapel Church in Worcester.

Also, To receive into our Communion on profession of our ad faith Miss Ward.

C. M. Hyde, Clk.

Oct. 13 pd. Voted, To send Bro. Alfred Hosmer as our delegate to the Council called at Warren Oct 15 to give advice in regard to the dismissal of Rev. E. L. Jaggar.

C. M. Hyde, Clk.

Oct. 31 ad. Voted, To receive Mrs. Harriet N. Beauty on recommendation from the Baptist Church in Dell Prairie, Wisc.

Voted, To suspend the Thursday afternoon meeting for the present; and to hold in its place a Friday Evening prayer meeting in

the Valley, and neighborhood meetings in various districts every Tuesday, with a Monthly Church meeting for the transaction of business and the social [illegible] of Christian growth and work with plans and suggestions for the better prosecution of the same.

Voted, To hold an election on the first Thursday afternoon in December for the choice of two additional Deacons.

Voted, To resume the Conference Meetings of neighboring Churches held for the last two winters, and that the Pastor be authorized to invite the neighboring Churches, and make arrangements for the meeting.

Chas. M. Hyde, Clk.

Voted, That Bro. S. H. Paige, Bro. J. C. Blair, E. Allen, N. S. Hubbard and the Pastor with Bros. Paige, Blair, Chamberlain, Converse, and Miss E. B. Knight be a Committee of Arrangements for the Neighborhood Conference to be held hereafter.

Chas. M. Hyde, Clk.

Voted, That in the Election of Deacons as provided for by vote of Oct. 21, all members of the Church, first male members exclusively, shall have the privilege of voting: that [illegible] of a nomination: that a simple majority, not a two-thirds vote, shall elect: that only one shall be chosen at a time: that those elected shall take the matter into consideration till the next [illegible] and then may determine to accept or decline the office.

On the 1st informal ballot, the vote was as E. E. Swan 1, for Jas. C. Blair 2, for E. Allen 6, G. W. Hitchcock 2, N. S. Hubbard 2. On the next ballot, the Church made choice of N. S. Hubbard as Deacon, by a vote of 29 out of 32. Other candidates received votes as follows: G. W. Hitchcock 1, Jas. C. Blair 3, E. Allen 4.

On the 1st informal ballot, the vote was as follows: [illegible] 2, G. W. Hitchcock [illegible], E. Allen 11, Jas. C. Blair 13, [illegible] a vote of 24 in 30, G. W. Hitchcock receiving 4 votes, and E. Allen 11.

Bro. N. S. Hubbard was appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

Chas. M. Hyde, Clk.

Dec. 22 Voted, To accept the invitation of the Church in Mann
to attend the council convened for the Ordination and Installa
of Mr. Chas B. Sumner as Pastor, Jan. 2d, and to send Bro.
W. S. Kepp as our Delegate.

Voted, To grant to Mr. John Wetter a letter of
dismission and recommendation to the Congregational Church
in Putnam, Conn.

Jan. 3 Annual Report. Jan. 1868.

There of our members have died during the past year, 8 have
been dismissed, 5 admitted on profession & 2 by letter, & one last
year, 17 in all (4 Males 13 Females.) One of them who died has
been absent from the town during the whole of my pastorate. With
the others, Mrs Lucy H. Ward, and Mrs. Lucy Parkhurst, Wid. Charles
Parkhurst, I have had acquaintance, and I have
learned through that acquaintance to respect most highly their Christian
simplicity and integrity. I trust, we trust, they are now from the
cares and snares of this Earthly life, serving still the Master whom
they loved so much, but now with that depth of affection which is possible
only to those who see Christ as He is in all His heavenly glories.

The cause of Benevolence and of Sunday School Labor has
not gone backward in the affections or interest of this people, though
the general stagnation of business has not been without its effect on
our pecuniary ability, and the general want of religious interest without
doubt appears in our Sunday School work. In every light in which the work
of Christ are instituted we need a speedy, continuous, and general
[illegible].

There has not been for years so general prevalence of any
severe sickness, but there are many of our Church members who begin
to feel the decrepitude of age, and venture out less and less. The
snowstorms of the past winter, Thursday often being stormy and Sunday
[illegible] absenteeism from the afternoon service of the Sabbath has been more
marked than Ever-before. Changes have been made in the time and
[illegible] yet any noticeable result.

The year now closed has been one most memorable in the
religious history of this Church. Already [illegible] work, the year has been marked by the completion of our Chapel by a few

Adventists north of the Town Pound, and by secular preaching
Every Sunday in the School house at the East Corner by "Christian"
Baptists from Worcester, who have immersed over 20 individuals
young and old. We trust that in our own Church for the
past year may prove to have been a season of consolidation
& growth rather than decay & retardy. It is certain enough
that this Church needs a "Great awakening": and for this let us
this coming year bend all our energies, direct all our efforts,
offer each our heartfelt prayer.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted and
it was voted to levy a tax of 25¢ on each resident member.

Rec'd. Voted a[illegible] Voted unanimously
decision, though with reluctance, yet with humble confidence in
[illegible] to the
the office of Deacon to which they had been severally elected:
and it was determined that they be publicly inducted into
office, the next Communion Sunday in March.

It was also voted that they be added to the Standing
Committee of the Church.

The Church voted unanimously to observe the Evening
Week of Prayer, and to hold the services in the Vestry every Evening
at 7 o'c, following the order of subjects as published in the Congregationalist.

Chas M. Hyde Clk.

Jan. 24 Voted, To dismiss Orville G. Bliss and recommend
his to the College Church, New Haven.

C. M. Hyde Clk

Feb. 2 Voted, To accept the invitation of the Second Congregational
Church in Brooklyn [illegible] to attend a Council
convened for the Ordination & Installation of Reverend
Mr. Bradford M. Fullerton on the 12th inst at 9 A.M. & to send
the Pastor [illegible] as Delegate.

C. M. Hyde Clerk.

16 Voted To give a letter of dismission and recommendation
to Mrs. Henry D. Hyde, asking such that she might unite with the
Thurmont Cong. Ch. Baltm, Rev. E. B. Webb, D.D. Pastor.

C. M. Hyde, Clk.

15 The Induction of the newly chosen Deacons into office by
[illegible] having been postponed on account of the
[illegible] the Institution and Duties of the Deacon's office [illegible]

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Voted, To give Mrs. C. O. Lumbard a letter of dismission and recommendation to the First Congl Church in Millbury.

C. M. Hyde, Clk.

Voted, To send Bro. F. H. Paige as delegate to the Annual meeting of the Worcester Associational Conference, Wednesday.

C. M. Hyde, Clk.

Voted, To receive Mrs. Rebecca Hamilton into our communion on profession of her faith.

C. M. Hyde, Clk.

Voted, To accept the invitation of the First Cong. Ch. in Oxford, to a Council to be convened on the 31st inst. to consider the dismission of Rev. T. Fanning, and the installation of Rev. E. H. De Levie, & that we send Bro. Lewis C. Blackmer delegate.

C. M. Hyde, Clk.

Voted, To receive into our Membership on letter of recommendation from the Church in Union Ct. Mrs. Mealy, and Nancy Corbin, & on profession of faith Mrs. Emeline Potter and Theodore A. Corbin from the Church in West Stafford, Ct. Mrs. M. H. Corbin.

C. M. Hyde, Clk.

Voted to accept the invitation of the Church in Thompson Ct. to send Bro. Marcus Hitchcock as delegate to the Council convened for the Ordination and Installation of Rev. S. J. Austin.

C. M. Hyde, Clk.

Voted, To accept the invitation of the Church in Oxford, to send Bro. Marcus Hitchcock as delegate to the Council convened for the Ordination and Installation of Mr. Daniel J. Higgs.

At the Annual Meeting of the Church, held at the close of the Preparatory Lecture, the Treasurer, Bro. Dauphin Brown [illegible] was accepted.

Voted, To admit to our membership on profession of their faith Mrs. L. Dix, Miss Ellen Warren, Miss Lizzie Potter, Miss Sarah Hubbard.

The Pastor read the Annual Report which was adopted and ordered to be entered on the records of the Church. The Report follows herewith

Annual Report for year Ending
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of the town that God one of the members of this Church has died since the last annual Report. It is a fact for which we ought to be thankful that death has not diminished our numbers. We would gratefully record also an addition of six, one by profession and five by letter. Three have been dismissed making the number now on our Register of Membership 179. 29 of these are no longer residents of this town, though for various reasons their connection with this Church has not formally ceased.

Two new Deacons have been chosen, who were [illegible]

The general work of the Church and in the Sunday School in the maintenance of the usual public religious services has gone on as usual with the Exception of a suspension of the weekly Social religious meetings, while the lower part of the Church edifice was undergoing those alterations that have given us so much more attractive and commodious rooms for these meetings. These improvements, voted by the Society in the early [illegible] not commenced till the Fall, and though protracted several weeks beyond the time at first fixed for them, have been so thoroughly done as to give very general satisfaction.

[illegible] feet, and the rooms have not only been improved by the additional height thus gained, but the vestibule has been [illegible] lengthened, affording more light and ventilation, while the fresco painting of walls and ceiling, and the substitution of iron columns, fewer in number for the wooden posts formerly used, have combined to make two rooms far more pleasing and attractive. The Ladies Benevolent Society has carpeted the smaller room, procured for it a chandelier and purpose to add such other furniture as may be available from the Society's funds. The Christmas Festival, held a few evenings ago,

The series of Conference Meet[illegible] with the usual [illegible]

Churches, so well attended last winter, was resumed in
[illegible] held here. The Pastor's Bible Class on Monday Evenings, commenced
in November has been well attended, both the Scripture lessons
and Epistles of John and the method of Study (Bible and
a few verses on the blackboard) interesting the lower
numbers (6 to 75) present. The weekly Christian
meetings of the Church appointed for special prayer and
Conference in addition to the Friday Evening Prayer meeting
have been attended with more than usual interest - the
subjects discussed and numbers present.

Aside from this the Church has engaged in no
special work during the past year, and there have been
but few instances of conversion in town. Still on
the year there appears to be an increase of attention
to divine things so as to give Encouragement for special
Effort and for individual prayer that God would
bless our Ministry &c. May he grant us the desire of our
hearts and give us the joy of seeing many with the younger
Commencing a new life of faith in Christ.

Voted, That the following persons, who have been
baptized into Christ by the Pastor, and duly
delayed uniting with this Church of Christ, having been
Examined by the Standing Committee, and duly approved
to be admitted to membership in this Church on profession
of their faith: Mrs. Caroline E. Blanchard,
Edward F. Smith, Ellen M. Davis, Extra Fuller,
Mary Bethia Parker, Mary B. Shaw, Louisa M. Brown,
James R. Brown, Frances M. Weld; and a recommendation
from the Church in Westbridge Ezra B. Weld.

Voted, To accept the invitation of the Church in East Salisbury
and to send Rev. James S. Blair, as Delegate to the Council appointed
for May 3d in reference to the dismissal of Rev. E. B. Palmer. Carried.

Voted, To admit on profession of faith Samuel H. Brown,
Edward B. Brown, Eliza F. Brown, Arthur B. Brown, Sarah B. Brown,
[illegible] Lane, [illegible] Pierce, [illegible] Lane, [illegible]
[illegible] Pierce, William H. Sherman; and on recommendation from the
Baptist Church in Smithbridge, Mrs. H. A. Freeman.

Voted To dismiss Elder Benj. Sherman & Bro. Wilbur Card Sherman Dale to the Conf. Ch. Taberna: Wilbur Elijah Dale to the Church in Hollander Bro. Harvey D. Griggs to the Church in Marion; and Elder Luther Allen to the Church in Liverpool: Third Conf. Carried

Voted, That Bro. Jas. S. Blair be our delegate to Conference in Associational Council &c.

Voted To receive into our Communion by profession of faith Sarah Ann Burton, Ellen Jane Bacon, Elizabeth Cordell, Luana Elsworth, Fidelia Stephens, Hebster Frank Fenton: and on letter & recommendation from M. E. Church in Hale Bro. Harvey Tosdell. Carried

Voted, To receive into our Communion on profession of faith Ellice Irene Bacon, Bro. Elizabeth Lamb Lucy Antoinette Laurence Sarah Matilda Weller.

Voted To send Bro. Dauphin Brown as delegate to the Council to be held at Hannibal Feby. 31 to ordain & the dismission of Rev. A. L. Grimes. Carried

Voted To send Bro. N. L. Sherman as delegate to the Council to be held at Southbridge Oct. 14 in ordination & the Settlement of Rev. Edwin E. Jaggar.

Report of the Church for year, ending June 1, 1870.

In reviewing the events of the year now drawing to a close, the Church has abundant occasion for devout gratitude to God. The religious interest which during the closing months of the previous year had manifested itself by a very general attendance at the afternoon prayer-meetings held every week during the months of November and December, the spirit of prayer that prevailed, the readiness to do Christian duty, and the earnest desire constantly expressed by very many that sinners might be converted, warranted the Pastor in proposing that a special effort should be made to bring sinners to Christ, and to bring the Church unto a higher standard of consecration. After consultation with one and another, the Church voted unanimously to engage in such a special effort. Through friends of Rev. D. Burton a correspondence was opened with Henry F. Durant Esq., of Wellesley

lawyer in that city, but since his conversion devoting himself to [illegible] as an Evangelist. [illegible] and Sunday and early decided to conduct a three days' meeting. Notice of this was circulated through the town and almost every one personally invited to attend. The Churches in the neighboring towns were also invited. Through mistake I have the record not in Farmington N.H. in which at the time he was Engaged, Mr. Durant came at the time appointed upon. Sunday [illegible] in the morning, on the Prodigal Son; in the afternoon, on the Unpardonable Sin; in the Evening, on the Danger of Procrastination. The usual S.S. session was changed to a prayer meeting: the immediate conversion of Sinners was the subject of prayer. In the Evening when opportunity was given at the close of the meeting, 13 arose, Expressing their determination to commence a new life. 22 remained for personal conversation and prayer. Mr. Durant and the Pastor spent Monday morning in visiting at the houses in the village, and improved in this way every opportunity during the week afforded by the close of the public meetings. Monday afternoon, according to Mr. Durant's suggestion, there was a special Church meeting in which a spirit of deep contrition for past & present sinfulness was manifested by the prayers and confessions of both the brethren and the sisters in the Church, and by others who had been for a longer or shorter time indulging the hope of salvation, but had not [illegible] of faith. In the Evening Mr. Durant preached the Prayer of Faith. The Hall was full and nearly 50 remained to attend a meeting for inquirers in the Ladies' Room, while Rev. Mr. Curtis (now of Stanwich Ct. but at that time residing with his father in law Mr. Hedley Corbin) conducted a prayer meeting in the Hall. On Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday we had provided entertainment at noon and at 5 P.M. for all who came from a distance. At all the meetings on these days there were many present from the neighboring towns, but this seemed to make but little difference in the freedom with which in the morning and afternoon meetings the members of the Church engaged in prayer, confession or thanksgiving. A deep and tender feeling of personal interest pervaded the minds of all present, and manifested itself in the individual, personal style of expression and the absence of vague, pointless remarks. Prayers were often requested for friends and relatives, and some of the most interesting moments in these solemn services were when such requests were made and prayer offered in accordance with them. Tuesday Eve Mr. Durant preached Sermon, Wednesday Eve to Young Men, Thursday Eve [illegible] were held here early and [illegible]

[illegible] ance and love in view of what Jesus Christ has done.
[illegible] day Evening, or on each of these Evenings there was [illegible]
[illegible] the inquiry meeting, and many Each Evening prayed
& have found place in believing. Mr. Durant returned to Fairmount
Friday morning. But meetings were held every Evening either in
the village or in some one district for several weeks. When on the
Sunday Evening after Mr. Durant left, three of the prominent men
in our community (Mr. A. L. Converse, E. N. Bacon and Frank Parker)
rose and avowed their faith in Christ and determination to live for
Him, the interest was intense and it was hoped that many would
would follow their example. Others did begin about that time the
Christian life, yet no such numbers came forward as during
the week when Mr. Durant was with us. There never was known
so general an interest pervading the entire community as during
the months of January, February, and March. The whole town
was districted and twelve committees of two persons each visited
nearly every house in turn for religious conversation and prayer.
Almost every person was accessible. Many received new views of
Christian life and duty, and a feeling of cordial good will seemed
to pervade all hearts. Though sense could not suppress fanaticism
criticism or sneering derision, one marked feature of this gracious
effort was the almost entire absence of faultfinding remark on the
part of those outside the church. Rejoicing as all we may over
those scenes when the Spirit of the Lord was manifestly at work
in this revival work, we may ever ask ourselves, "Is the Spirit of
the Lord straitened?" as we mark the lack of general interest now
we may inquire "Are these His doings?" If this "Our Father" were always
heard at the family altar, would we not
always see in the community a similar general interest in
religion? Mingled with our gratitude to God for what He has done
for us, is the shame with which we must confess our want of such
fidelity and earnestness as we must have if the work of the Lord is
to prosper in our hands.

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Record of Admissions to the Church by — J. Tailc Paston. — —

	1837	
1	Nov. 5th	+ Pamelia Hoar Wife of Deacon Hoar by Letter. Dis Monson 1842
	1838	By Profession
1	Jan'y 7.	Solomon Bond died 1858
2		+ Amos Hitchcock dis. Cong Ch. Ct. 1847
3		+ Hezekiah D. Perry dis Amh. Coll. 1840
4		+ Calvin W. Nutting dis Palmer, 1847
5		+ Susan Hitchcock the wife of Homer H. Dis. 1842
6		+ Cloe Hubbard Fuller dis Palmer, 1842
7		Louisa S. Hubbard Rep. dis. Dana
		By Profession
8	Dec. 6.	Mary Ann Homer.
9		Harriet Newell Hitchcock dec.
		By Letter
10	July 1.	+ Joseph Tailc dis. Conn, 1842
11		+ Nancy C. Tailc his wife dis. " "
12		Lucina Homer the wife of Deac. S. Homer — Died
		By Profession
13	July 1 —	+ Hannah Smith Avery dis. Springfield 1843
14		+ Delia P. Bliss Pierce dis. N. Braintree 1839
	Sept 7.	By Letter —
15	"	+ John Paine Jr. dis. Woodstock, 1843
16	"	+ Mary Ann Paine his wife " "
17	"	Paul W. Page deceased 1875
18	"	(1826) Mary C. Page his wife dec. 1860.
19	"	Samuel Austin Hitchcock Died Nov. 23, 1873. Aet 74
20	"	* Sarah G. Hyles — (Brown) Dec 1849
		By Profession
21	Sept 9.	Phebe C. Spring (Bromley)
		By Letter
1	Jan 3. 1839	* Calvin Marsh Dec 1850
2		Lydia the wife of C. Marsh dec. 1856
3		Mrs. Sarah Bond — Dec. 1[illegible]
		By Profession
4	Jan 13th	Eliza Anne Solanders (Whitney) (N. G.) Dis. Westminster, 18[illegible]
		By Letter
5	May 5th	* Emory Pierce Dec.
6		Eliza Pierce his wife White(

Continuation of Admissions by J. Vaill Pastor

1839-	
May 5	+ John C Franshaw on Draper — Dis. Brookfield 1842
	The wife of J. C. Draper.
	+
	+ Rachel M. Lane the wife of Otis Lane Dis. Mass
July 7.	By Letter-
	Lucinda the Wife of George Ruffer -
1840	
	+. Delia Chandler. Dis. Belchertown, 1842
Jan'y 5	By Letter
	Alfred E. Pierce Dis. Brooklyn N.Y. 1848.
	Margarett Pierce his wife " "
	By Profession
March 1.	+ Eliza Ward wife of Wm. M. Ward Dec. 1845
	Augusta Allen Ward Simon B. Dis. S. Boston, 1845
	By Profession
May 3.	Nila Perry the wife of Oliver Perry.
	By Letter.
July 5	Anna H. Stebbins the wife of Lewis Stebbins C.C. 1857
	+. Caroline Needham. the wife of Wm Needham.
	By Profession
	Wid. Rebecca k Bliss - Dec. d. Mar. 1871
	Esther Lumbard the wife of Lemuel Lumbard
	By Letter
Nov. 1.	* Cloe Webber Smith the wife of E. Smith Dec. 1840
	• Elizabeth Burt - - the wife of Jeremiah Burt - dis. Lowell
1841.	By Letter -
Jan'y 3.	Dauphin Brown -
	Abbey B. the wife of D. Brown.
	By Letter
March 7	+ Phebe W. Nichols the wife of Wm S. Nichols.
Oct. 19	+ Stillman Estabrook. } by Letter.
	+ • The wife of S. Estabrook. }

Admissions to the Church by Geo. C. Partridge

1842

April 25 — By letter from Sturbridge

1-2 + Mrs. Ward Davis & Sarah E. his wife dis. Ware, 1844

By letter from Nantucket

3 June 5. Mrs Sophia H. Partridge (Rev. G. C.) dis. Greenfield

4-5 + Mr. Asa M. Knight & his wife Nancy M. by Letter

+ from the First Ch. & C. in Worcester dis. Springfield

Sept. 4.

6 Newton L. Hubbard

7 + Wm. Lyon dis Spencer 1850

8 + Simon B. Hunt dis. S. Boston 1845

9 = Edwin P. Griggs (Rev.) dec. Aug. 27th 1850

10 Susan Bliss (Mrs.) by profession.

19 * Lydia A. (Griggs) Griggs died. 1854

12 Sarah M. Wilson (Griggs) dis. Monson, June 1852

13 + Mary M. Lane dis. 1847

14 * Jane E. Hubbard Fenton dec. 1852

15 + M. Josephine Howard Sumner dis. Amy Ch. 1851

16 Laura Fenton Spaulding (Rev.)

17 Dec. 28. Mrs Sarah Lane by Letter from China Sturbridge

1843

1 March 5. + Mrs Lucinda (Haynes) Fenning

2 " Lydia Hubbard Samuels by profession

3 Miss Anne Johnson c.c. 1859

4 May 4. Mrs Mary Lyman (Aaron) by letter from Cong. Ch. Manchester Conn.

Dis. to Cong. Ch. Brookfield June 1844

5 June 21. Mrs. Sarah Hubbard (Newton L.) by letter from Cong. Ch. Westminster

6 Aug. 6. Mrs. Lucinda D. Knight (wife of Asa M. Knight) by letter from Cong. Ch. Sturbridge

7 " " + Mrs. Polly Ely " " " " Thompson Dis. to Cong. Ch. Thompson

8 " " Mrs Lucinda Haynes " " " " Palmer

9 " " " + Harriet Burnham " " " " " Dis. Palmer

10 Sept. 3. Mrs Sophia Fenton (Rev.) died 1846

11 " " " Sarah B. Fenton by profession Deacons

12 " " Miss Sarah L. Bliss died Oct. 30 1873 Ae 64

1843 Admissions to the Church by Geo. C. Partridge.

Sept 3. Sarah D. Lincoln Male profession Dis. Beloit 57
" " Eudocia C. Converse Elyot " Dis. Monson 1852
" " Adeline Brown Kendall " Deceased 1847
" " Calvin L. Upham " Dec. 1861

1844

" Dec 7 Lucinda Lawrence wife of David L. by letter W. Brook.

1845

" Nov 2. Amen Griffith by letter. C.C. 1857
" " Catherine Brown by profession
May 4. Margaret Danbanks. " " dis. W. Brookfield
1846 Mar. Clarissa Ward wife of Wm Ward letter Dis. Monson 1852
May 3. Horace Nichols " Monson.
Sarah C. Blair wife of James Blair

1847

Mar. Luther Walker. by letter — Deceased 1855.
" " Experience Walker wife of Luther W. Dis to Brookfield
" " James Walker. letter [illegible]
" " Lucy N. Walker wife of James " "
" " Tyler Childs by letter Dis 1850 Chicopee.
" " Nancy Childs his wife Dis. 1850 Chicopee
Mrs Amariah Robinson, let. died 1856
Lucinda Butterworth wife of Abner W. by let. Dec.

1849

Nov 25. Hannah P. Bonner wife of Wilson A. let. Dis
Hannah L. Johnson wife of Aaron J. let. C.C. 1852

The above is an exact copy of record by Geo. C. Partridge and O. Bonner, Clerk. — which record becoming defaced & torn removed. A true copy, attest J. Moore.

— Addition —

Rev. J. Vaill, Pastor			Rev. J. Vaill, Pastor			Rev. G. C. Patridge		
37	By Letter	1	1840	By Profession	5	1842	By Profession	11
38	" "	9		" Letter	6 11	1843	" Letter	6 17
	" Profession	12 21	1841	" "	5		" Profession	10 16
39	" "	1			16	1844	" Letter	1
	" Letter	10 11			33	1845	" "	1
		33			49		" Profession	2 3
						1846	" Letter	3
						1847	" "	8
						1849	" "	2
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Record of Admissions to the Church during the Ministry of J. Moore beginning Dec. 12. 1849.

Date of Admission	Names		b. before the name signifies rec'd. by letter; p. " " " by profession
1850			
Jan 5. b	C. R. Bixby Warren. wife of J. M. Warren.	1	
2 " p	Mary B. (Sherman) Stebbins	2	dis. 1856 Hinsdale to Presb. Wisconsin.
3 Feb 28 b	Jason Moore. — pastor	3	died Oct 14th 1861
4 " " b	Abbie P. Moore. his wife	4	Dec. 1852.
5 Apr 28 b	Edward A. Lyman wife of Henry Lyman	5	
6 May 26 b	Betsey Drury	6	died May 21st 1871. aged 80.
7 " " b	Mary Drury	7	
8 Aug 7. p	Harriet Emmitia Hower. Arnold	8	Dis. 1858. Cleveland. O.
9 " " p	Elis. D. Parker. Dyer	9	Deceased 1855.
10 " " p	Urania Johnson Shaw.	10	dis. Mansfield Ohio 1857.
11 " " p	Henry E. Hitchcock	11	Dis Southbridge 1858.
12 " " p	Calvin A. Marsh.	12	Died Aug 1858. ae. 32.
13 " Sept. 6	Lucy Hubbard Swalwicke	13	died March 18[illegible] ae [illegible]
14 " " 22 b	Perlissa Smith wife of Elias Smith	14	Excom [illegible]
1851			
15 " Feb. 16 b	Catherine Moore Sherman wife of Orson Sherman	15	Dis. Feb. 18th 72. Southbridge Mass.
2 " Aug 6 p	Ann Caroline Sherman.	16	
3 " " p	Minerva B. Walker.	17	D.o. Church in Warren 18[illegible]
4 " " p	Chas. M. Barrows	18	
5 " " p	Edwin B. Allen.	19	died Aug. 1858.
6 " Nov. b	Polly Snow wife of Elias D.	20	
1852			
1 " Jan 4 p	Sarah J. (Warren) Longstreet	21	Dis. Pres. Ch. N. York city 1857.
2 " " " p	Sarah D. Brown	22	Dis. Cong. Ch of Wilmington Vt.
3 " Feb. 8 b	Lydia G. Myles wife of John Myles. see 1832	23	Died May 1861
4 " May 28 b	Elias L Snow	24	Dismissed to Sutton 1885
5 " " " b	Lovina Snow wife of Elias L.	25	Dismissed " " "
6 " Nov 7 p	George B. Hitchcock	26	[illegible]
7 " " p	George N. Paige	27	[illegible] 24 1862
8 " " p	Mary L. Paige	28	[illegible]

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Date of Admission	Names		How received & Letter of Dismission.
1853 Jan 2	Elijah Allen	29	
" Jan 2	Sarah Elvira Allen (his wife)	30	died Sept 21. 1856 consumption
" "	Elisha C. Marsh.	31	
" Mar 6.	Catherine Brown wife of James D. Brown	32	
" "	James D. Brown	33	
" "	Milton Horner.	34	Dismissed March 18[illegible]
" "	Emory Livermore	35	
" "	Almira C. Converse wife of Alfred C.	36	
" "	Lucy L. Brown wife of Henry F. B.	37	
" "	Elvira Knight. Miles	38	Deceased 1854
" "	Martin A. Bliss. James	39	Dis. Saginaw Michigan. 1860
" "	Emily J. Brown	40	
" "	Fidelia L. Alexander Barnes	41	Dis. Jan. 18, 1863 to Brookfield
" "	Frances M Howard.	42	Died [illegible]
May 1	Hannah Wright wife of George N.	43	Dism 1874
" "	Mary Moulton wife of Daniel M.	44	Deceased [illegible]
" "	Harriet (Upham) Marsh wife of Calvin A. M.	45	Dis June 8 1860 to Brattleboro Vt.
" "	Sarah L. Blanchfield Allen Sumner	46	died
" "	Albert L. Prouty	47	[illegible]
" "	George H Ledyard	48	Dis to Episcopal Northampton
" Aug 3.	Daniel M. Jones.	49	Dis to Worcester June 17[illegible]
1854 Feb		50	
" Mar 6	Aline Browning wife of J. M. B.		died Nov 15 1856.
" "	Chloe Alexander wife of Elliot Alexander.	51	Dismissed died 1872
" "	Mary M. Barbell Wheeler	52	
" May 6	Lothrop P Morse wife of Jason Morse.	53	Dis. Feb 1. 72 Amherst 1st Cong. Ch.
" May 6	Salina P. Allen wife of Edwin Allen.	54	died Oct 1861

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	Date of Admission		Names		History
2	1855	Sept	Alvred Homer.	55	Deceased 1871.
3	"	May 6	Ruth B. Homer wife of Alvred	56	
4	"	"	Charlotte A. A. Homer.	57	died Oct 10 1859 AE. 82.
5	"	"	Heli N. Howard	58	dis. Labor Jona 1858
6	"	"	Candace B. Howard wife of H.	59	" " " "
7	"	Nov. 6	Mary Hubbard Homer.	60	dis Chicago Dec. 1859
8	"	" 6	Marionette Homer. wife of	61	dis. [illegible]
	1856		Dea Zebonon H.		
1	Jan	6	Mary Lawton Brown.	62	dis. Aug[t] Michigan 186[illegible]
2	Feb.	28	Mr Roswell Lombard	63	
3			& Sarah Lombard his wife	64	
4			& Mary Ann Livermore. wife of	65	
	1857		Emory Livermore		
1	Jan	12.	& Janette James wife of David N. J.	66	
2	Feb.	26.	& Aaron Bliss	67	dis. Chicago Ill June 1866
3		"	& Almeda. wife of Aaron Bliss	68	"
4		"	& Martha A. Bliss	69	" " " " " "
5		"	& Marion Bliss (Ellen C. Walter Brown)	70	" " " " " "
6		"	& Samuel C. Kelly	71	died at Greenfield 1860
7	May	17	& Harvey Smith	72	discovered Died 1868
8			& Annis A. wife of Harvey S.	73	Died 1881
9			& Nathan M. Goodale	74	Died 1888.
10	"	24	& Lucy A. wife of N. M. Goodale.	75	Died 1886
11	"	"	& Jane E. Whitcomb.	76	Died 1878.
12	Sept	6	& Sarah B. Denton wife of Lucius T.	77	
13	Oct	4.	& Harriet A. Chamberlain wife	78	
	Nov.	1.	of Dr. G. C. Chamberlain		
14			& Delia Ann Browning	79	dis. Sept. 1861 [illegible]
15			& Ellen A. Lawrence.	80	md Thos Rice & dismissed to Shrewsbury 18[illegible]
1	1858		& Abbie D. Upham wife of Calvin U.	81	d. from [illegible]
2	Jan	3.	& Irene E. C. Brown wife of	82	Dis. to Lincoln Ill. March 1st [illegible]
	Nov.	7	George A. Brown		
3			& Mrs. Mary E. Hitter wife of Dr. H.	83	Dis. to [illegible]
4	Jan	4	& Julia Morgan wife of John M.	84	
5			& Louisa Hayward Upham	85	Dec. 1864
6			& Laura Allen Whitcomb	86	[illegible]
7			& Mary Eliza Knight	87	

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Date of Admission		Name		History
8 Jan 4.		Jane E. Spring	88	
		Lucy Ann Sherman	89	dis. to Spencer 1875
		Mary Myers	90	Dis to Montreal
		Edward Hitchcock.	91	
Sept 4.		Lucy Morgan Ward	92	died March 1879
"		Sarah E. Sessions	93	Dis to [illegible]
Nov 6.	L	Delia A Parker	94	
" "	L	Edward L Jones.	95	dis. Chickopee Dec 1869
	L	Marion wife of Cheney	96	
Jan 5		Catherine Henry [illegible]	97	dis. [illegible]
"		[illegible]		
"		Lydia Howard	98	Dis to Westfield
"		[illegible]		
"		Harriet M. [illegible]	99	[illegible] to Chicago, Ill.
"		Mary E. Hubbard. [illegible]	100	Dis to Washington D.C. 1871
Sept 4		Julia M Griggs	101	
"		Tamaris A Newton	102	
"		Harriet N. Lawrence	103	
"		James L Blair	104	
"		George M. Hitchcock	105	
"		Charles F Walker.	106	Dis to [illegible] 1861
Dec. Jan 1		Anna Pickett Myles wife of Wm H. Myles.	107	
		Josephine Emerson	108	
		Helen Emerson wife of [illegible]	109	Dis to Shutesbury Oct 1 1871.
Jan. 16.	L	Mary A. wife of Alden	110	
[illegible]	L	[illegible]	111	
26	L	Goodale	112	died
			113	died May 12th 1872.
March 10	L	Ellen K. wife of Wm. Parker	114	dis. by Ex. Cert. Dec. 29, 1870
May 4		Delia A Merrick	115	dis. to Munson Dec. 21 1871
		Arthur A. Davis	116	dis. ang. ch. Chicopee Apl 1866
		Edward E. Parker.	117	died [illegible]
		Mrs Mary [illegible]		dis. Dec. 1866 to [illegible] Chicopee
		Julia [illegible] wife of [illegible] Hitchcock		
		Julia [illegible]		

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3		5	[illegible] Charles	
4			[illegible] Augusta Charles	Dismissed
5			[illegible] Marcia Emerson	Dis to [illegible] July 1
6	Sept.	5	l. Charles W. Hyde, Pastor	1 from Ch. in Sheffield, Mass. Dis. to [illegible] Sept. 22, 1861
	1863			
1	Jan.	4	p. Ellen Porter Shaw	2
2	Jan.	3	l. [illegible] J. Shaw	3 from Mansfield, O.
3	July	2	l. Wid. Frances H. Bliss	4 " Detroit, Mich.
4	Sept.	6	p. Orville Justus Bliss	5 Dis. to [illegible]
5		"	p. Charles Henry Converse	6 Fellowship Withdrawn July 187
6		"	p. Linus Homer Seaver	7 " " " " " 187
7	Nov.	1	l. William Shepard Kneeland	8 from 1st Cong. Ch. Brookfield
8			l. Lucy Maria Dale Kneeland, Hon.	9 "
	1864			
1	Jan.	3	l. Matilda Angela Mazzi	10 Union Ch. Worcester
2		"	p. Susan Angela McFarland Allen	11 " " "
3	July	3	l. Joseph Hyde	12 " " Park Ch. Brooklyn N.Y.
4		"	l. Catharine Maria McEwen Hyde	13 "
5			l. [illegible] Josephine Hyde	14 "
6		"	l. Mary Alice Hyde	15 Dis. Dec. by Park Ch. N.Y.
7	Sept.	1	l. Edward [illegible]	16 (2d Pres. Ch. Detroit)
8		"	p. Ellen A. Upham	17 Dis to Westfield July 25—18
9	Nov.	6	l. [illegible] Isabel Stedman	18 Meriden, Ct. died Nov. [illegible]
10		"	p. [illegible] Mary Blackmer	19 Dismissed
			p. [illegible] Ellen [illegible] Brown	20 Died November 1," [illegible]
			p. [illegible] Jane Eliza [illegible] Brown	21 Dismissed to Hollidaysburg Pa.
			p. Lucy [illegible] Brown	22
		"	p. [illegible] Augusta Brown	23
		"	p. Emma Louisa Lane	24 Dismissed to Westminster 187
		"	p. Mary Caroline Emerson	25 Deceased 1872
		"	p. Sarah Elizabeth Griggs	26 Dis to Melrose
		"	p. Delia Jane Eydenberg	27 Dismissed
		"	p. Ella Augusta Moulton	28 Died Sept. 6, 1865.
		"	p. Ella Augusta Sherman	29
		"	p. Ella Augusta Woods	30
		"	p. Charles Dwight Allen	31 Dis. June 3, 1866 to Worcester, Union Cong. Ch.
		"	p. Charles Wright Foskett	32. Died 1871
		"	p. William Bradford Hamel	33 Dis to St. Louis, Missouri
		"	p. Joshua Newton Hubbard	34 Dis. Oct. 5 to Cong'l Ch. Washington, D.C.

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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	35	[illegible]
1866				
Jan. 7	p.	John Newton	36	
Feb 2	p.	Selden Chamberlain	37	
"	p.	William Hillegas Griggs	38	
"	p.	Harold Libby Griggs	39	
"	p.	Charles Enright Griggs	40	Westboro Evang. Ch. July 9. 1871
"	p.	Sarah Jane Smith (Mrs. C.)	41	
"	p.	Ellen Craig Shaw (John)	42	d. al. Monson Dec. 8. 1871
1867				
March 3	l.	Olive M. Follett (	43	from 2d Palmer
" "	l.	Sarah Griggs (Harvey)	44	" Monson
[illegible] 3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1881
May 5	p.	George Ferdinand Brown		1881
"	l.	Sarah Jane Brown (Geo. F.)		Palmer 1872 Dis to 2d Evgl Ch.
July 7	l.	Simon B Ward	45	Cent. Ch.
"	l.	Amanda A. Ward (Simon B.)	46	"
Sept 1	p.	Miss Lizzie Wood	50	
Nov. 3	l.	Harriet R. Prouty (Albert S.)	51	Dell Prairie, Wis. Bap. Ch.
1868				
	p.	[illegible] Methodist Bishop Wife [illegible]	52	d. Mar 1871 in Mich.
	l.	Healy Corbin	53	Cong. Ch. Died 1878. Oct 21st
		(Boy) Corbin (Healy)	54	" " Died 1878 June 2nd
"	l.	Lucy [illegible] Corbin (Foster) (Mrs)	55	" Died Mar [illegible] 7
"	l.	Minier H. Corbin	56	
	l.	[illegible] (Limrick) Son (Minier H.)	57	West Stafford, Ct. July 2. 1880
1869				
Jan. 3	p.	Ann (Perry) Dix (Calvin C.)	58	
	p.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
"	p.	Lizzie C. Potter	60	Dis to Hyde Park. 1894.
	p.	Sarah [illegible] Hubbard (Mrs. [illegible])	61	Dis to Glencoe Ill. 1883
[illegible] 7	l.	Eva [illegible] Alden Wood	62	[illegible]
"	p.	[illegible]	63	d. 1870
"	p.	[illegible]	64	
"	p.	Louisa Merrill (Brown) (Jas. R.)	65	[illegible]
"	p.	Lydia Bethia Brown (Parker (Jonathan)	66	[illegible]
"	p.	Mary Bessie Parker (Jonathan)	67	
"	p.	[illegible]	[illegible]	

Record of Admissions to the Church.

1869					
Feb.	7	l.	Emma Lucy Sherman	7	
12	"	p.	Esther Hallock Charles (Abraham)	69	
14	"	p.	Rebecca Fisher (Rev. Lewis Fornia)	70	
14	"	p.	Cynthia Richardson Bloomfield	71	Died
15	"	l.	Eva Augusta Ward (Purdy)	72	
May	2	p.	Samuel Hebard Brown	73	
	"	p.	Edward Bishop Brown	74	
	"	p.	Eliza Falconer Brown	75	
		p.	Arthur Billings Brown	76	
	"	p.	Sarah Billings Brown (Cushing)	77	
	"	p.	Sabilla Louisa Brown	78	
	"	p.	Albert Johnson Beaty	79	C C
	"	p.	[illegible]		Dis. to Mott Ch. Belvidere
	"	p.	[illegible]		" " " "
	"	p.	Alfred Lyon Converse	82	
	"	p.	Mary Eliza Dunsmore (Andrew)	83	
		p.	[illegible]		
	"	l.	Willie Harold Steinrock	85	
		p.	William Hall Sherman	86	
	"	l.	Julia Ann Hawley (Sherman)	87	Baptist Church in Newbridge
July	21	l.	Sarah Ann Burden	88	
	"	p.	Mary Fisher Bacon	89	
	"	p.	Mary Elizabeth Mitchell	90	d. Aug. 12, 1872.
	"	p.	Susan Ellen Mann (Elisha C.)	91	
	"	p.	Frederick Alpheus Wilson	92	Fellowship with Adrian Aug. 31st 1871
	"	p.	Hans Fenton	93	Dismissed 1st Ch. Newark
	"	l.	Nancy Wright Follett (R. C.)	94	from Ch. E. Ch. in Madison Died 1877
Aug.		p.	Christiana Bacon	95	
		p.	Mary Elizabeth Lawrence	96	
		p.	Lucy Angeline Lawrence	97	
		p.	Sarah Matilda Walker	98	
1870					
Jan.	2	l.	Alvin Cutler Richardson	99	from Ch in Newark N.J.
March	"	p.	Ellay Tilden Griggs (Daniel D.)	100	C C

Whole number of admissions on Rev. Hydes pastorate 100

of which 29 on his letter and 71 by profession

Aug.	27. L.	Dea Solomon Homer	" " Cong'l Ch. Warren, Mass.
"	" L	Mrs Marionette Homer (S.)	Deceased " " " "
1872			
Mar.	2 3p.	Mrs Mary H. Thompson	On Profession of faith.
June	30.	Mr. Alfred G. Lamb.	From the Methodist Ch. Monson "
"	"	Mrs. Caroline E. Lamb	" " " "
"	"	Miss Emma F. Lamb.	" " Springfield " "
1873			
July	7.	Mr. Fred A. Hitchcock	On Profession of faith
"	"	Miss Irene Hitchcock	" " " "
1874		Mrs Ella (Brown) Hitchcock	" " " "
"	"	Mr. E. F. Hitchcock,	From the Cong'l Church, Ware.
"	L	Mrs Wm Foskit	from Monson
"	L	Mrs Clarinda W. Bachelor	from South Brimfield
"	Lett	Mrs Mary Hains Kean	nee Dunbell from Bethlehem N.Y.
"	L	Miss Agnes C Bullard	from Albion N.Y.
1876	L	Miss Hattie B Brown	" Norwich N.Y.
Nov	1	Mr Sadanori Iouchi	" Japan
1877	Mar 1	Miss Abbie Spaulding	
"	Sept	L Mr Frank A Homer	" Hobart

1880, Jany. Mary Brown, = Mrs. Edwd B. Brown, P.
" Mar. Mrs Lolla M. Lathrop, L. From 1st Cong. Ch. Springfield, Mass.
" " Miss Agnes Hubbard, P.
" May. Mrs. L. O. Ferry, L. From 1st Cong. Ch. Westfield, Mass.
" " Charles M. Robinson, P.
" July. Mrs Lilian Hitchcock = Mrs. Willie M. Hitchcock, P.
" " Stella C. Lamb, P.
" Sept. Edgar P. Lincoln, P.

1881

May 1. Arthur W. Coolbroth, P.
" 1. Mary E. Dunham, Mrs. P.

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Record of Baptisms by A. Vaill Pastor
from the time of my resettlement in Brimfield

1837		
Aug. 27.	Albert Huntington	of Eli Barrons & his wife } before my
28	Lewis Williams	of L. & Susan W. on her act. } Installation
Nov. 3	Mary Frances	} of C. R. Brown & wife.
"	Sarah Flavonia	
Nov. 12.	Ellen Augusta	of Joshua Upham & wife
19	Fitzroy De. Witt	of Mr Emerson & Celinda his W. on her act
1838		
Jany. 7	Solomon Bonds	}
	Amos Hitchcock	} Adults on their own account
	Susan Hitchcock	} the wife of Deac. Amos Hitchcock
June 28	George Morris	of Alfred & Martha Hitchcock on her act.
"	Ann Eliza	of Philip Hubbard & his wife -
July 1.	Hannah S. Avery —	an adult -
	Julia Maria	of Sylvester Hitchcock & his wife
Sept. 7.	Julia Sophia	of Nathan & Celina Hitchcock
Nov. 1.	Charles Mason	of Eli Barrons & his wife -
1839 Jan. 13	Josephine Amelia	of Mr. Emerson & Celinda his W. on her act.
May. 2 -	Julia Anne	} of Harvey Lombard on his -
"	John Harvey	} account
"	Joseph Vaill — —	of Lorin Clark & his wife
"	Edwards Porter — —	of Alvin & Mary Janes -
"	Mary Anne — —	of John & Mary Anne Paine -
July. 5	Harriet Blair	of Deac C. R. Brown & mary his wife
Sept. 1.	Edward Walker	of Marcus & Patty Hitchcock
1840 -		
Jan. 16	Charlotte Eaton	of B. P. Wales & Malina his wife on her act.
March 1.	Eliza Ward	an adult on her own account.
	Harriet Diadama	
July 2	Caroline Bliss	of Alvan and Mary Janes -
"	George Whitcome	of Paul P. & Mary Page -
		of Andrus & his wife on her account
Sept. 12	Mary Dwight	of Otis & Rachel M. Lane on her act.
1841.		
Jany. 1.	George Bowen	of Eli Barrons and his wife Lucretia
July. 1.	Henry Dwight }	of Alfred & Martha Hitchcock
	Laura Allen }	on her account
"	Mary Thirza	of Eben Knight & Thirza his wife

Continuation of Baptisms by J. Faulk Paston-

1841-		
Sept-		
3	Faulkner —	of Dauphin & Abby Brown
11	Harriet May	of John & Mary Anne Paine
11	Ann Louisa	of Philip G. & — Hubbard his wife

1842 Record of Baptisms by Geo. C. Partridge

April 28. Julia Carpenter child of Lorin Clark
" " Jane Elizabeth " of Marquis & Hitchcock
May 31. Helen Elizabeth " of Wm. J. Sherman
Sept 4. Simon B. Ward an adult
Clark R. Griggs " "
Sarah M. Markham " "
Mary M Towne " "
Jane C. Hubbard " "
Susan Bliss " "
Lydia Adeline Griggs " "

1843

March 5 Miss Submit Browning "
July 31. Ellen Weeks child of the Rev. H. Paige
Sept 3. Sarah C. Lincoln an adult
" " Sarah Bliss " "
June 30. Julia Stebbins an adopted child of Miss Bathsheba L. Moore

1844

May 2. Frances Lyman child of Geo. C. & Sophia H. Partridge
" Alice Georgetta " " do. & Homer
" Charles Dana " Langdon & Brown

1845 Mary [illegible] child [illegible] & Sarah M. Ward
" Chas. [illegible] Dwight " Harvey & Griggs
" Anne Elizabeth " Edward & Mary M. Towne

1846

March 27. Anna Maria " Rufus & Mehitable Seaver
May 4. Anne Judson " Lorin & Clark
July 5. Laura Sophronia " Mathew & Hitchcock
Sept 4. Charles Henry)
" Jane)
" Edward) Children of Eben. & Margaret Fairbanks
" Dwight)
" Mary Lavinia child of Harvey & Fairbanks
Oct 1. Horace Edward child of Harvey & Sarepta Jones

1847

Jan 1. Edward Bishop child of Langdon & Abby B. Brown

Record of Baptisms by Gen. A. Partridge continued

1846

Sept. 3 Ann Louisa child of Fuller

July 2. Sophia Converse child of Lydia Foster

" " Mary " " " "

1850 Record of Baptisms by J. Morse.

Feb 25th	John Newton	son of Newton S. & Sarah Hubbard.
May 2d	Sarah Elizabeth	daugh. of Harvey & Griggs.
" 12th	Abby Augusta	daugh. of Dea. Dauphin Brown
" "	Susan Brown	" of Wilson Homer.
July 7.	Eliz. Brush Parker	Adult
	Rozilla Johnson Dean	"
	Henry E. Pittsbrook	"
1850 July 3.	Augustus Homer	son of Sullivan Alexander
	Sarah Eliza	daughter " " "
" 6	Edwin B. Allen	adult.
Sept 1.	Fanny	daughter of Aaron & — Lyman
1850 Jan 1.	William Thomas	son of Orson & Ruth. Sherman
June 30	Isabel Louisa	daug. of J. D. Brown.
Sept 2.	Sarah Elizabeth	daug. of Wilson Homer.
1853 April 28	Dauphin Howard	son of Dea. Dauphin Brown
June 30	Delisa Barbele	daug. of P. H. Price
1854 Mar. 6	Oline Browning	Adult
	Chloe M. Alexander	"
June 30. x	Lewis Herbert	son of James B. & Catt. Brown
1855 Aug 30	Rufus Clarence	son of Harvey & Griggs
1856 Aug 3	William Brodford	son of Edward & Ruth B. Homer.
	Addie Carroll	dau. of Calvin & Harriet Marsh.
Aug 5	Harlan Preston	son of E. B. Allen.
Oct 30	Frank Morrell	son of D. P. Kelly
Oct 30. 1857		son of Wm. Howard.
Mar. 14. x	Frank Augustus (twin) Catt. (twin)	son of David M. James.
Sept 3.	Arthur Edmunds	son of Dea Dal. Homer
Oct 30	Helen Sophia	dau. of Wilson Homer.
Nov 1.	Harriet A Chamberlain	adult
1858	Delia A Browning	adult
Apr	Jason Theodore	son of J. Morse
July	Julia Morgan	adult
	Lucy Ann Sherman	"
1858 Nov 28	Caroline	
June 28	Edgar [illegible]	
Sept 4	Damaris A Newton	Adult
" "	Julia A. Griggs	"

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1849 Sept. 4.

	George M. Whitcomb	adult.
Aft	Mary Elizabeth (of the above)	daughter of Calvin Dyer
1850. Jan. 1.	Anna Pickett Myles	adult.
April 12	Lewis William	son of J. F. Frederickson
" "	Abbie Parsons.	dau. of J. Morse
1851. Aug. 1.	Celia A Merrick	adult
	Edward E. Parker	"
	Jennie Alice &	Children of
	Anna Frances	David N. Jones.
Oct. 13.	Sophia	dau. of J. Morse.
1852		
Jan. 5.	Julia Eliza.	wife of Edward Hitchcock
"	Ellen Adelia. Charles	Adult
	Lawson Augusta Charles	"
"	Julia Isabell Brown	"
May 11	Maria Benson	Adult

N.B. In the following Record the husband's name or wife's name, if either be not a person [illegible] is inserted in brackets: if neither be named the name is underscored. a prefixed to the name signifies adult. The last column contains the date of birth.

Record of Baptisms in C. M. Hyde

1862					
August 21	1	Lizzie Lyon - Wyles	of H. Henry & Anna P. Wyles		May 10 1856
"	2	Delia Pickett - Wyles	" do.	do.	Jan. 31 1861
"	3	Mary Frances - Wyles	" Do.	Do.	Oct. 28 1860
Sept. 4	4	Mary Emma - Homer	of Lea. Solomon & Marionette Homer		June 14 1861
Oct. 30	5	Frederick Anson - Brown	James S. & Catharine Brown		Aug. 13 1860
1863					
Jan. 4	1a	Ellen Jane - Shaw	(Servant)		
Sept. 6	2a	Orville Justus - Bliss	of Aaron & Almeda Bliss		May 14 1863
Oct. 29	3	Marion Anna - Ferry	(Lovery) & Lydia Ferry		Sept. 14 1862
"	4	Jennie Elizabeth	of Emory & Mary Ann Livermore		May 4 1863
"	5	William Paine - Witter	(Dr. John) & Mary E. Witter		July 4 1855
"	6	Frank Paine - Witter	" "		May 20 1861
"	7	Mary Agnes - Witter	" "		Feb 21 1863
"	8	Phebe Anna - Upham	(George W.) & Janet C. Upham		Feb 10 1862
"	9	Charles Lyon - Conner	(Alfred) & Annie Conner		Dec 28 1862
1864					
Jan. 6	1a	Jane Elizabeth Blair	15 James S. & Sarah C. Blair		July 15 1850
"	2a	Emma Louise Dale	16 John & Hannah Dale		Sept. 21 1848
"	3a	Delia Jane Lyden	17 (John & Kate Lyden)		May 18 1848
"	4a	Ella Augusta Hunter	[illegible]		Sept. 1 1847
"	5	Ella Augusta Shaw	18 [illegible]		Mar. 1 1851
"	6a	Ella Augusta Hinkle	20 Joseph E. & Emily Hinkle		July 20 1847
"	7a	Charles Dwight Allen	21 E. D. & Orril Allen		Dec. 11 1849
"	8a	Charles Wright Fuller	22 [illegible]		Sept. 5 1850
1865					
May 4	1	William Henry - Ames	23 John H. and Sarah L. Ames		July 17, 1863
"	2	Joseph Hyde - Ames	24 "		March 22, 1865
Aug. 31	3	Eliza Lyon - Witter	25 (Dr John) and Mary E. Witter		Mar. 1, 1861
"	4	Abby Paine - Witter	26 " " (twins)		
"	5	Leonard Spring Upham	27 (George H.) & Jane E. Upham		Mar. 5, 1865
1866					
Jan. 7	1a	John Newton	28 Cheney		
May 12	2	Lydia Lyon Wyles	29 (H. Henry) & Anna P. Wyles		Nov. 28 - 1865
"	3	Alice Eudocia Foster	30 (John W.) & Lydia C. Foster		Dec. 16 - 1850
"	4	Nate Conner Foster	31 (John W.) & Lydia C. Foster		May 8 - 1856
Oct. 4	1a	George Foster Bartlett	32		Nov. 15 - 1865
	6	Charles Dwight Briggs	33 Harvey &		Nov. 15 - 1843
	7	William Wickersham Briggs	34		Sept. 30 - 1842

1865 Dec.	25	1	Alice Green	Fuller	Dr. Geo. E. Fuller & Harriet S. Fuller	Sept. 17, 1866
1866 Aug.	20	1	Etta Jane	Perry	[illegible]	[illegible]
"	1	2	Frank George	Hitchcock	Edward F. & Julia E. Hitchcock	July 11, 1866
"		3	Cora Evelyn	Brown	George F. & Sarah J. Brown	[illegible]
Sept.	1	4	Marshall Sanders	Allen	Edwin & Ursula M. Allen	
"		5	Henry Knight	Hyde	Charles M. & Mary F. Hyde	June 15, 1867
1867						
Jan.	2	a	Rebecca Smithey	Tibbetts		
Dec.	2		Mary Frances	Hyde		
1868						
Jan.	3	1a	Ellen	Warren		
"		2a	Elizabeth	Potter		
Feb.	1	3a	Louis Merrill	Brown		
"		4a	Mary Brown	Shaw		
"		5a	Sabra Perry	Sherman		
"		6	Esther Wallis	Charles		
"		7a	Rebecca Fisher	Smith		
"		8	Cynthia Richardson	Blackfield		
"		9a	Caroline	Bard		
May	2	10a	Esther Billings	Brown		
"		11a	Sarah Bell	Brown		
"			[illegible]	[illegible]		
"			[illegible]	[illegible]		
"		12	Anna Venetia	Leach		
"		a	[illegible]	[illegible]		
July	4	13a	Sarah A.	Burton		
"		14a	Mary Fisher	Bacon		
"		15a	Anna Etta	Marsh		
"		16a	Isadora Agatha	Webster		
"		17a	Frank	Fenton		
Aug.	1	18a	Alice Maud	Bacon		
"		19a	Mary Elizabeth	Bacon		
"		20a	Lucy Augusta	McEachron		
[illegible]			[illegible]	[illegible]		
May	1	27	Mary A.	Brown	Samuel L. & Abigail L.	
Nov.	4	28	Ella Maria	Brown	George F. & Sarah J.	

Whole number of Baptisms in Mr. Hyde's pastorate 67
of which 37 were adults, 30 infants

Record of Baptisms by M. B. Boardman, Pastor.

1871			
Nov. 5.	William Bradford Boardman	M. B. & E. E. Boardman	Aug. 22 1871
" "	Etta Lydia Hitchcock	Edward & Julia Hitchcock	
" "	Anna Avilla Hitchcock		
" "	Alice Webber Brown	S. H. & L. Brown	
" 1872			
Aug. 24	Minnie Jane Corbin	Miner H. & Jennie S. Corbin	
Oct. 4	Herbert Miner Corbin	" "	
1876	Gardoman Vouche	Laban	
1877	Robie Spaulding	P. F. & Laura Spaulding	
1878 May 4th	Florence E. Rice	Edward and Ella E. Rice	
1881	Mabel N Brown	Edward and Mary A Brown	
1887	Walter E Brown	" " " "	
1893	Emma B Brown	" " " "	
1897	Robert Kyle	Robert H. & Florence W Kyle	
1898	Evelyn Victoria Johnson		
March 1st 1903	Esther Mae Eaton	William J. & Bertha V. Eaton	
Record of Baptisms by Rev Samuel Eaton Pastor			
Nov 22nd	Clara Emma Gudge		
" " "	Harold Hirsch Gudge		
1904 Aug 21st	Katharine Fairfield Brown	Mr & Mrs Clarence B Brown	
" " "	Ronald Webster Lincoln Peirce	Mr & Mrs Charles L. Peirce	
July 4th 1906	Ralph Norton Brown	Clarence B. & Ida F. Brown	
" " 1906	Laurence Brown Bissell	Frederick & Ruth W Bissell	
Nov 4th "	Charles M Streeter	Mrs Martha E Streeter	
1909	Marion Almon Bissell	Frederick & Ruth Bissell	
June	John Frederick Lawrence	Frederick N. & Annie O Lawrence	

Register of Baptisms by W. A. Estabrook - Pastor

Date	Name	Parents names of Children
Jan. 4-1914	Lilla R. Webber	Adult
" 4-1914	Gladys R. Webber	"
July 4-1915	Ethel E. Spooner	"
July 2-1916	Juliet H. Douty	"
" 2- "	Constance A Elder	"
" 2 "	Maud I. Hitchcock	"
" 2 "	Rachel J. Hitchcock	"
June 9-1918	Elaine Louise Phillips	Mr. & Mrs. Louis Phillips
" 9 "	Howard Ernest Ball	Mr. & Mrs. Howard E. Ball.
" 9 "	Helen Aletta Ball	Mr. & Mrs. Howard E. Ball
March 2 1919	Campbell, Warren Howard	Adult
" 2 "	Chandler, Herman	"
" 2 "	Howes, Stanley Edward	"
" 2 "	Pananity, Garim Musa	"
" 2 "	Spooner, William Danforth	"
" 2 "	Spooner, Edward Howard	"
" 2 "	Webber, Fred George	"
" 2 "	Webber, Frank Henry	"
May 4 "	Hitchcock, Jessie Denbuck	"
" 4 "	Spooner, Raymond Hildreth	"
" 4 "	Madison, Marion Hazel	"
July 6 "	Phillips, Nellie Ida	"
May 2, 1920	Elder, Isabel Blake	"
" 2 "	Campbell, Gladys Howard	"
" 2 "	Moore, Percy Howell	"
" 2 "	Spooner, Lawrence Whipple	"
June 12	Brady, Rose-Marie Virginia	Mr. & Mrs. Brady
" 12	Booth, Elizabeth Alice	Mr. & Mrs. Howard E. Booth
" 12	Booth, George Howard	Mr. & Mrs. Howard E. Booth
" 12	Brown, Eleanor May	Mr. & Mrs. Clarence B. Brown
" 12	Sherman, Grace Eleanor	Mr. & Mrs. Geo. B. Sherman
" 12	Skinner, Walter Frank	Mr. & Mrs. Russell G. Skinner
" 12	Tarbell, Harriet Elizabeth	Mr. & Mrs. Monroe G. Tarbell
" 12	Wood, Charles Parker	Mr. & Mrs. James H. Wood
-1922-		
June 11	Phillips, Barbara Ellen	Mr. & Mrs. Louis Phillips
" 11	Wood, Barbara Lucretia	Mr. & Mrs. James H. Wood
" 11	Kemp, Marjorie Grace	Mr. & Mrs. James Kemp

Register of Baptisms by W. A. Estabrook - Paton

Date	Name	Parents names of Children
June 10, 1923	Booth, Harold Edward	Mr. & Mrs. Howard E. Booth
" 10 "	Greenfield, Edna	Mr. & Mrs. M. Leroy Greenfield
" 10 "	Sherman, Geo. Benjamin Jr.	Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Benjamin Sherman
" 10 "	Sherman, Ruth Olive	Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Sherman
" 10 "	Thompson, Richard Ernest	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew J. Thompson
Baptisms by Rev. R.W. Campbell		
" 14 1925	Thompson, Andrew James	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew J. Thompson
" 14, 1925	Brown, Harry Lester	Mr. & Mrs. Philip T. Brown
" 14, "	Brown, David Botter	Mr. & Mrs. Philip T. Brown
" 14, "	Brown, Naomi Florence	Mr. & Mrs. Philip T. Brown
" 14 "	Brown, Dorothy Elizabeth	Mr. & Mrs. Philip T. Brown
April 24, 1924	Rev. Robert W. W. Campbell	Adult
Sept. 7, 1924	(Mrs.) Margaret Campbell	"
Jan. 4, 1925	Gladys Callins	"
" " "	Adelaide Knowlton	"
May 3, 1925	Edna Keith	"
" " "	Mary E. Moore (Miss)	"
" " "	Mary Anna Tarbell	"
Aug. 30, 1925	(Mrs.) Mabel Booth	"
" " "	Alice Booth	"
" " "	Merton Booth	"
" " "	Beatrice Whitney	"
" " "	Gladys Whitney	"
Children's Day	Rev. Carl Hunt, Pastor	
June, 1927	Maude Ellen Booth	Howard & Alice Sherman Booth
" "	Raymond Arthur Booth	Hubert & Myrtle Jennings Booth
" "	Colin Landon Sherman	George B. & Hattie Landon Sherman
" "	Evelyn Augusta Adams	James Asa & Kathryn Brown Adams
" "	Monroe Gifford Tarbell	Monroe G. & Eugenia Roscoe Tarbell
" "	Paul Whittemore	Dr. Forrest & Elizabeth Whittemore

Baptisms 1929 By Rev. John G. Dutton

June 9 Parents.

" " George B. & Hester Landen Sherman

" " Child — Milton Harry

Parents

" " Victor & Annie Locke Howlett

Child — Norman Locke

Parents.

" " Ainsworth & Mildred Leno Adams

Children Rosalind Sadie & Ainsworth Webb Jr.

Parents.

" " Howard & Alice Sherman Booth

Child — Harriet Lillian

Parents.

" " J. Myron & Alice Hitchcock Martin

Children — Donald Richard, Louis Eugene,

Philip Leroy.

Adults.

" " Mildred Leno Adams.

" " May Landen

Record of Marriages by S. Hall

1837-

October 24- Nathan M. Goodell of Marlboro' & Lucy M. Hoar

Nov. 8. Asel Fairbank of Warren and Lucy Hubbard

" 14. William C. Griggs & Julia A. Whittemore

16 Abigence Newell & Sarah Hoar -

1838

May 1st Aaron B. Johnson & Nyenah L. Morse of Dudley

June 10 Ephraim D. Greely & Elizabeth Rowen - -

July 3. Ethan Keep of Monson & Lydia B Hubbard

Sept. 18 Augustus Alexander of Homer N.Y. & Marsha Fenton

" 27. James Stebbins of Homer N.Y. & Asenath Bliss of Warren

Oct. 1st Jeremiah Bean of Cincinatus N.Y & Mary J. Morgan.

Nov. 20- Grosvenor Merrick of Monson & Sarah A Blair.

1839. 1839.-

March 27. William H. Perry & Laphira B. Bond.

April 11. Timothy Bliss & Susan Tyler of Warren - - -

May 16 Doctor Alvin Smith of Monson & Abbie G. Homer

May 22 Ebenezer Nye of N. Brookfield & Mehitable Dearth

" " John W. Browning & Olive Baker. -

June 11 Joseph L. Allen of Sturbridge & Phebe S. Patridge --

Aug. 13 Elisha G. Kingsbury of W. Springfield & Elva W. Ruffer

Aug 26 Augustus J. Welch of Woodville Miss. & Eliza S. Pynchon

Sept. 18 George W. Lincoln of Brookfield & Eleda M. Dearth

Sept. 25 Henry F. Brown & Lucy S. Farbel.6

Sept. 29 William A. Downing of Chagrin Falls O. & Mary D. Bliss.

Oct. 24 John W. Foster of Zanesville Ohio & Lydia Lyon Converse.

Oct. 30 King H. Moore of Palmer & Ruth Hitchcock

Nov. 17 Jonathan Hunter & Ruth G. Jenks

1840. 1840.

March 12 Harrison Allen of Holland & Harriet L. Patridge

April 2 Lewis Stebbins and Wid. Ann H. Parker -

" 9. John L. L. Pierce of West Boylston & Delia P. Bliss

" 14 William E. Mason & Charlotte W. Williams

" 16 James Fuller of Palmer & Chloe Hubbard

June 25 Noadiah Emmons of Hinsdale & Susan Warren.

Sept. 23 Truman Curtis of Egremont & Charlotte Lumbard.

Nov. 12- at my house Dolivar Johnson & Nancy H. Wright both of Sturbridge

" 18 Hiram Hayward & Joseph Brown

19 Francis H. Carpenter of Rehoboth & Betsey B. Perry.

1841. Continuation of Marriages by J. Faill 6.

Mar. 25	Horace Bird of Watertown & Elizabeth Homer.
May 27	Edward Sower of South Hadley & Mary M. Hubbard
Sept. 8	James Harvey & Dolly Robbins — — —
Nov. 29	Samuel D. Merrick of Palmer & Nancy C. Perry
" 30	Barthotemew Brown of N. York & Sarah J. Wyles

1844 Record of Marriages by Geo. R. Partridge

Feb. 28. ✓ Fred. S. Fiske & Diana Bacon both of Brimfield
April 7. Chas. G. Lyman & Sarah M. Wood both of Brimfield
" 26. ✓ Wm R. Seaver of Marlborough Mass. to Mehitable Hemenway of Brimfield
July 18 Rufus B. Leonard to Louisa Hooker both of Southbridge
Aug. 4. ✓ Jos. F. Merriam of West Mass. to Mary Anne Hitchcock of Brimfield
Aug. 22. ✓ Henry H. Tarbell & Cynthia J. Griggs both of Brimfield
Aug. 30. Charles C. Warren & Delisa H. Tarbell " " "
" 4[illegible]

April 25. ✓ Geo. Chandler of Belchertown & Mary Foster of Brimfield
May 9. ✓ Mr Rufus Foskitt to Miss Nancy C. Wright both of "
" " " Mr Silas C. Herriam of West Brk to Miss Caroline S. Tarbell "
May 31. ✓ Mr. Robert Peckham of Westminster to Miss Mahalath Griggs " "
June 27. ✓ Mr. J. L. Wood. to Emily Allen both of Brimfield
Oct. 11. ✓ Mr Geo. J. Bliss to Miss Caroline C. Allen " " "
April 17 1844 ✓ Mr Ezra Webber to Miss Marcia Carlisle " " "
Nov. 20. ✓ Mr Horace Day of Middletown Conn. to Miss Sarah R. Seaver " "
" 27. ✓ Mr Calvin M. Ward of Boston to Miss Sarah Anne Brown " " Brimfield
" 28. ✓ " Simeon B. Ward " to Miss Augusta A. Ward " "
Dec. 31. ✓ Simeon Brown of Sturbridge to Miss Mary A. Hill "

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April 8. ✓ Roswell Foskitt to Clarissa Bacon both of Brimfield
May 1. ✓ Brownell M. Durfee of Springfield to Emma A. Hitchcock of Brimfield
May 7. ✓ Charles H. Abbot of South Brookfield to Susan B. Homer "
June 9. ✓ Lucius [illegible] of Sturbridge to Pam. [illegible] of Brimfield
Oct. 7. ✓ Hiram Hamlin to Sarah Jane both of Brimfield
" 28. ✓ Wm. B. Jones to Louisa C. Tarbell " " "
" 30. ✓ Chauncey Bass of West Brk to Jane E. Morgan of Brimfield "
Nov. 18. ✓ Warren F. Tarbell to Mary Jane Brown both of "
Dec. 4. ✓ Emory L. Bates of Sturbridge to Maria W. Sunderland of "
Dec. 31. ✓ John S. Blanchard of Worcester to Eliza Anne Mirrell of "
" " ✓ Calvin M. Bacon of Brimfield to Lucy Ann Keith of "
1846 ✓ Francis Higbee of Barre to Augusta R. Morgan of "
April 30. ✓ John G. Kendall of Worcester to Adeline L. Brown of "
May 27. ✓ Francis C. Howard to Susan G. Green both of "
June 24. ✓ Lawrence Wyman of So. Brookfield to Cath. C. Keith of "
Aug. 31. ✓ Daniel R. Wright to Sarah A. Sunderland " " Brimfield
Sept. 1. ✓ Hudson L. Whiting to Sarah A. Tyler " " "

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Se 1/4 E. Harriet A. Lyman Griggs to Town of Bri
" 22. " J. Henry Brown to Anne H. Hallock of Bainbridge

Record of Marriages by J. Moore.

1852

March 5: Mr James A Stebbins of Marcellon Wisconsin
and Miss Mary B. Sherman of Brimfield

Apr — Mr Orson Sherman of Brimfield &
Miss Catherine M. Morse of Sturbridge.

July 3. Mr Henry H Neat of Brimfield &
Miss Julia M. Knowlton of Brimfield

Sept 7. Mr — Blackman of Andover Conn. &
Miss Charlotte Sherman of Brimfield

Sept Mr — Ford of Syracuse N.Y.
Miss Ruth H. More of Brimfield

Oct 28. Mr John G. Barbeck of Brimfield &
1851 Miss Lydia B. Parker of " "

Apr Mr Silas Collis of Palmer, and
Miss — Foskit of Warren.

Apr. 4. Mr Burman Libby of West Brookfield &
Miss Sarah Stoddard of Brimfield

May 5: At Sturbridge Rev D. M Pinkerton of Mellen Rich
Miss Beulah M Belknap of Sturbridge

May 15: Mr Esek Bond of Sturbridge and
Miss Maria Bacon of Brimfield

Sept. " Mr " of Sturbridge and
Miss Rich of the same place.

Oct. 1. Mr Wm H. Sherman of Brimfield and
Miss Sarah Jane Upham of the same place

Oct 14. Mr Andrew Harris of Warren, and
Rebecca E. Harbeck of the same.

Oct 30. Mr — Pratt of Westfield St. and
Miss — Lombard of the same

Oct 30. Mr Asahel Howard of Dover St. &
Miss Candace Sherman of Brimfield

Nov. 26. Mr Waterman Perry of Wales &
Miss Rosette Roulet of the same.

" 27 Mr Edwin L. Hitchcock of Brimfield &
Miss Julia Ann Brown of B.

1852. Jan 28. Lovinda Pickett of Brimfield &
" " Miss Sarah J. Loveland of Brmf.
Mar. 17. Berekiah Perry of Brimfield &
Miss Martha Hitchcock of the same.
Sep. 26. —— Mr. Clerman of Brookfield &
—— Nichols of the same.
" 29. Mr Joseph N. Averill of Boston &
Miss Abigail Upham of Brimfield
" " Mr John H. Myles of N. York city &
" Miss Anna Pickett of Ohio.
Nov 24. Mr Francis Barbell of Brimfield &
" Miss Elizabeth Julia Hitchcock of the same
Dec. 16. " Mr Jahnaltham Mann of Palmer &
1853. " Miss Mary Parker of Brimfield
May 2. Mr Jahnaltham E. Dix of Brimfield &
Miss Ann Francis Perry of "
June 29. Mr Richard S. Wilcox of Columbus N.Y. &
" Miss Elvira P. Knight of Brimfield
Aug 27. " Mr George A Pierce of Brimfield &
Miss Clarissa Brown of B. "
Oct 31. Mr Hamlin F Fitts of Wingfield Mass &
Miss Eglanstine Aldrich of Charlton Mass.
Nov 24 Mr Lyman P. Green of Warren, Mass &
Miss Matilda Sherman of " "
1854 Jan. 17 " Mr Timothy Green of Spencer &
" Miss Mary Ann Marsh of Brimfield Mass.
Mar. 21 " Mr Samuel D. Arnold of Sturbridge &
" Miss Harriet E. Bowmer of Brimfield "
May 30 " Mr Benj Winter of Charlestown Mass &
" Miss Laura E. Spring of Brimfield
June 8. " Mr Otis Wallace of Palmer &
Miss Fanny Wallace of Sudbury Vt.
Oct. " Mr Wm Tucker of Brimfield &
" Mrs Delina P Hitchcock of the same
Nov 8 " Mr Hiram Upham of Brookfield &
Miss Sarah Hitchcock of Brimfield
Nov 13. Mr Dauphin Brown of Marion Ill. and
Miss Lucia Bowmer of Brimfield
Nov 30 Mr Wm Bliss of Chicopee &
Miss Francis H Parker of Brimfield

1855 Jan 10 Mr M. M. French of Palmer Depot Mass &
Miss Elizabeth L. Wales of Brimfield.
March 17. Mr H. Hamlet of Southbridge &
" Adelia Wright of Dunbridge. (at Southbridge)
March 28. Mr Orlando Griggs of Brimfield &
Mrs Orpha Morse of Monson Place
May 1. Mr A. Thornton Story of Danielson Mass &
Miss Almira A Dean of Brimfield
Mr Chas. Dean of Manchester N. H. &
Miss Elizabeth L. Parker of Brimfield
Sept 28. Mr Theodore Snell of Dunbridge &
Miss Maria Merrick of Monson (at Southbridge)
Oct 25. Mr Warren Dupper of Monson &
Miss Susan Ogden of Monson Place
" " Mr Lee Blanchard of Monson &
Miss Mary Ogden of " "
Nov. Mr Lafayette Rice of Brimfield &
Miss Olive Upham of " "
Dec 25th Mr Harrison G. Whitney of Westminster &
Miss Elvira A. Holcomb of Brimfield.
1856
April 16. Mr Charles A Clark of Worcester &
Miss Katie P. James of Brimfield
" 24. Mr Eli B. Fiske of Wales &
Miss Martha Flint of Charlton.
Aug 5. Mr David Hitchcock of Worcester &
Miss Adaline James of Brimfield
Sept. 18. Mr George B. Hitchcock of E. Brookfield Mass &
Miss Mary E. Babcock of Ware.
Nov 8 Charles Stoughton of New York &
Sarah Jane Warren of Brimfield.
1857
Jan 1. Mr Edgar G. Phelps of Mansfield Ct. &
Miss Harriet E. Jones of Brimfield.
Mr Austin Reed of Ware &
Miss Louisa Hubbard of Brimfield
Aug. 18. Mr Edwin A Jones of Brimfield &
Mrs Caroline M. Wallace of Holland.
Oct 28. Mr Timothy G. Houghton of Wales &
Miss L. Cathy Stebbins " "
Dec 10. Mr Harvey Wolcott of Warren &
Miss Eliza B. Hitchcock of Brimfield

1858. Jan 26. Mr Jacob Miller of Sturbridge &
Miss Mary Converse also of Sturbridge.
April 8 Mr Horace M. Gardner of Wales &
Miss Juliet R. Parker of B.
May 6 Mr John Woodcock of Leicester Mass. &
Miss Ellen L Bennet of this town.
Feb. " Mr Moody Shattuck of Worcester &
Miss Helen Prouty of Brimfield.
Mr [illegible] of Monson &
Miss [illegible] Prouty of this town
Sept 6 Mr Jerome Hamilton of Brimfield &
Miss Jane Prouty of this town
" 14 Mr Horace G. Bird of Watertown Mass &
Miss Julia B. Hubbard of Brimfield
Oct 4 Mr George D. Allen of Brimfield &
Miss Sarah J. Blanchfield of this town.
" 19. Mr Wm C. Jones of Boston &
Miss Martha A. Bliss of Brimfield
Dec. Mr [illegible] Gilbert of North Brookfield &
Miss [illegible] Webber of Brimfield
1859 April 14 Mr Isaac C. Tyler of Worcester &
Sarah E. Dexter of Brimfield
[illegible]

Sept — Mr [illegible] Whitemore of Sturbridge &
Miss [illegible] Dillaber " "
Oct 19. Mr George N. Upham of Brimfield &
Miss Jane E. Thing " " "
Oct. Mr Alden Goddale of Brimfield &
Mrs Mary (Austin) Smith of Chicopee
Nov 23. Mr Wm A. Holbridge of Millbury &
Miss Charlotte B. Parker of Brimfield
Nov. 24 Mr Henry Adams of Brimfield &
Miss Jane E. Hitchcock do.
Dec 20. Mr Ezra Field of Freemont Minn. &
Miss Fanny Sherman of Brimfield

1860. Apr 5 ✓ Mr Abdiel L Calkins of Monson ✕
✓ Miss Augusta Monard of Brimfield

" May — ✓ Mr J. — Morgan of New London Ct. ✕
✓ Miss Hattie Merrick of Brimfield } at Palmer.

" " 29 ✓ Mr Edward Whitcomb of Brimfield ✕
Miss Julia Adams of the same place

" " " ✓ Mr John P. Pepper of Palmer ✕
Miss Janett Strickland of Palmer

" Oct 17 ✓ Mr George N. Day of Monson Ill ✕
✓ Miss Mary Griggs of Brimfield

1861. Apr ✓ Mr [illegible] Barnes of Brookfield.
✓ Miss Victoria Alexander of Brimfield

May 1. ✓ Mr John Shaw of Brimfield
Miss Ellen Paige

June 17. ✓ Mr Theodore Dehitt Miller
[illegible]

June 29. Mr [illegible]
[illegible]

July 22. ✓ Mr Nelson T Rogers of Monson
✓ [illegible]

" 28 ✓ Mr Alexander [illegible]
✓ Miss Eliza [illegible] of [illegible]

Aug 28 Nelson S Dexter of Thorndike Maine
Miss [illegible] Ellis of Mo

Record of Marriages by Chas. M. Hyde.

1862					
1	Aug. 20	Mr. Sumner Converse,	of	Providence, R.I.	27 5
		Miss Mary Elizabeth Gilligan		Troy, N.Y.	1
2	Aug. 21	Mr. Loren West Johnson	of	Sturbridge	25 24
		Miss Martha D. Lamb		"	22
3	Oct. 14	Mr. Thomas Rice	of	Shrewsbury &	4 10
		Miss Ellen A. Lawrence		Brimfield	25
4	Nov. 19	Mr. George Morris Hitchcock	of	Brimfield	25 5
		Miss [illegible] Carter		"	25
5	Nov. 26	Mr. Sumner R. Blodget	of	Monson	21 1/2
		Miss Julia A. Squier		"	1
1863					
1	Jan. 28	Samuel S. Cutting	6	Southbridge	24 5
		Sapphira B. Perry m.n. Bond		Brimfield	40
2	Feb. 25	[illegible] B. Wood	7	Sturbridge	29 2
		Mary M. Lamb		"	20
3	April 7	C. Walter Brown	8	Brimfield	21 5
		Marion M. Bliss		"	20
4	" 28	Lieut. Paul N. Paige	9	"	26 3
		Miss [illegible] P. Bowen		"	43
5	Sept. 1	Wilder Carroll	10	West Brookfield	36 3
		Miss Addaide A. Lombard		Sturbridge	24
6	Sept. 26	George L. Marsh	11	"	21 10
		Mrs. Henrietta L. Carter		"	28
1864					
1	[illegible] 12	[illegible]	12	Brimfield	24 3
		Miss D. A. Newton			22
2	" "	Aaron B. Rice	13	"	40 8
		Miss Harriet N. Lawrence			26
3	June 2	N. H. H. Stewart	14	Wales	2 5
		Miss Ellen Robinson		Brimfield	21
	" 20	Samuel D. Arnold		Milwaukee Wis.	3 5
4		Miss Mary A. B. Homer	15	Brimfield	35
1865					
1	Feb. 17	William Henry Perry	16	Brimfield	22
		Miss Lavinia N. Shaw		"	20
2	March 13	Elisha Hyde	17	Brookfield	39
		Mrs. Lucinda B. Hixon		Brimfield	5

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3						18	255
		Miss	Fostina Woodard				
4	Nov.	8				19	355
		Miss	Isabella Farrell			24	
5	Dec.	15					
		Mrs.	Caroline Patrick			24	
	Dec.	16				21	326
		Miss	Caroline B. Jones			2	
		1866					
1	Jan.	11	Frank G. Webber			22	233
		Miss	Isabel C. Fuller			19	
2			Arthur A. Smith			23	
			A. Bowman				
3			Hyde M. Needham	West		24	34
		Miss	Rebecca Dyer			1	
4	May	2	Benjamin Wilson			25	55
		Miss	Maria L. Brown	East		23	
5	July	4	Emery L. Moore	Southbridge		21	213
		Miss	Martha J. Newell			19	
6			Charles P. Marcy			21	112
		Miss	Martha A. Ford			24	
7		16	James Green	Wales		22	292
			Maria L.			37	
8	Oct.	9	Henry D. Hyde			26	201
						21	
9	Dec.	15	Elenor B.			20	241
		Miss	Anna Dyer	Charlton		1	
		1867					
1	Jan.	16	Abner H. Stebbins			31	295
		Miss	Ellen A. Wyman				
2	Mar.	1	Andrew J. Briggs	Petersburg, Pa.		32	311
						28	
3	July	17	Edwin A. Frost	Stafford, Conn.		33	2550
		Miss	Susan E. Bradway	Monson		21	
4	Oct.	3	Chas H. Worden			34	524
		Miss	Clara Henshaw			21	

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1867						
5	Oct. 22	Charles B. Hasbrouck		Warren	35	2
		Miss Sophia M. Bemis		Sturbridge		
6	Nov. 26	John M. Newton		Brookfield	36	212
		Miss Emily Webb		"		19
7	Dec. 3	James M. Comey		New York City	37	2
		Miss Mary N. Hubbard		Brimfield		20
1868						
1	Mch 25	Nye Moulton		Brimfield	31	212
		Mrs. Mary Whipple		Enfield		12
2		William W. Griggs		Brimfield	30	28
		Miss Delia J. Lyon		"		20
1869						
1	1	5	Isaac H. Foskit	Brimfield	40	22
			Miss Ella A. Woods	"		21
2		9	Ephraim Fenton	"	41	642
			Mrs. Amelia Goff	"		48
3	Sept. 21		Asher Carpenter	Monson	1	
			Miss [illegible]	Brimfield		
4		30	Daniel L. Griggs		43	
			Miss Ella Tillotson			
5	Nov. 21		Bradley C. Goodell	Canton Ohio	44	3
			Miss Hattie J. Burt	Brimfield		21
6		15	Willard Leach	Monson	1	3
			Miss Ruth B. Nichols	Ware		3
		18	Edwin F. Hitchcock	Amherst	21	3
			[illegible]	Brimfield		21
		29	Edwin N. Newton	"	44	2
			Miss Frances Jane Knapp Blackmer	"		20
7			[illegible] E. Skinner	[illegible]		
1	1		Miss Olivia M. Parker	[illegible]		
1870						
1		2	Joseph N. Goodhue	[illegible]		
			Miss Clara F. Browning	Brimfield		23
2	2		Herbert W. Nutting	Holland		
			Miss Ella L. Crouch	[illegible]		

Record of Marriages Civil Side

	Nov 5	Linder H. Mix	Priest	52 24
		Nicholas C. Smith	"	21
5	May 21	Alfred T. Hart	Sarah Redmond	32 20
		Nicholas C. Baker	[illegible]	[illegible]

		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
		[illegible] C. [illegible]	[illegible]	55

1871		Residence	Age
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
28. ( )	Henry Mitchell	Greenfield	22.
	Miss Ellen M. Lowe	Brimfield	24.
June 24. (2.)	Fred Reynolds	West-Brookfield	21.
	Miss Mary Rice	West Brookfield	19.
July 5. (3)	Charles H. Copeland	Ashford Ct.	21
	Miss Ella A. Carpenter	Eastford Ct.	19
Nov. 2 (4)	Sereno N. Howe	Marshall, Mich.	28
	Miss Hannah Bennett	Brimfield	Mass. 28.
Dec. 28. (5)	Lewis M. Howlett	Worcester, Mass.	27.
	Abbie A. Groves	Worcester Mass.	20.
1872			
June 4. (1)	Edward Bliss	Brimfield	
	Ellen A. Wharles	Brimfield	
Oct. 19. (2)	George H. Smith	Sturbridge	17.
	Evie Sheldon	Sturbridge	16.

Bill of Mortality in the Church Kept by P. Wilcox

1837	
Nov. 29.	Widow Esther Fay aged 84 - [illegible]
1838 March 9.	Widow Martha Bacon AE. 95 old age.
May. 9.	Widow Thankful Frost - 95 old age -
June 6	Mrs Margaret Bliss wife of Jime Bliss. 46. fit.
June 12-	Daniel Hitchcock. - - - 78- Paralisis & old age -
Nov. 17	Widow Hepsebeth Fay [illegible] 84- old age
" 23	The wife of Daniel Haynes. 70- or more
1839 May. 3-	Widow Sarah Brown - Old age AE. 91.
1840 Aug. 1st	Cynthia Patrige aged- 56
Aug. 28	Joseph Griggs old age AE. 94 -
Sept. 25.	Abigal McLentick consumption AE. 39 -
Oct. 14.	Christopher Ward Fever & old age AE 83.
Nov. 10.	Cloe W. Smith Wife of Elias Smith, fever AE 28 -
1841	
Sept. 11	Widow Vashti Hitchcock - - - AE. 71.
1842	
Oct 12	Marquis Converse - - - - AE. 57
1843	
Jany 13	Justin Morgan - - - - - AE. 66
Jany 31	Hannah Farbell wife of Eben. H - AE. 64
June 4	Margaret Fairbanks wife of Henry F AE 70
" 30	Bathsheba S Moon Wife of Solomon M AE. 54
Nov. 22	Nancy Ladd 6th Widow of Wm Upham AE.
1844	
Sept. 11	Widow Lucy Hitchcock - - - AE. 87
Dec 11	Deac. Solomon Homer - - AE. 74
1845	
Feb 28	Rachal H Warren Wife of John M W. AE. 48
May 6	Eliza L Ward Wife Wm M W - AE. 40
" 14	Benjamin Sherman - AE. 80
Sept 8	Josiah Hayward - AE. 79
1845	
March 2d	Daniel Haynes AE. 86
April 24	Louisa C Jones Wife of Thomas Jones AE. 24
Sept 14.	Sarah K Sherman Wife of Orson S - AE. 46
Oct 27	Rhoda B Coy Wife of Simon C - AE 71
Nov 14	Dea. Charles Barrows - AE. 72

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1847			
Aug 20	Adaline L Kendall Wife of John Kendall	AE. 25	
Nov 12	Dea Jacob Bishop	AE. 74	
1848			
March 11	Aaron Bliss	AE 82	Old age
May 29	David Horner	AE. 79	Paralysis
June 30	Ezra Perry jr	AE 60	
Sept 4	Elias Tarbell	AE. 67	Consumption
" 13	Hubbit H Tarbell Wife of Elijah J	AE. 73	
" 19	Wid. Asenath P Bliss	AE.	
1849			
Feb 13	Wid. Olive Gleason	AE. 83.	
	Susannah Alexander Wife of Joseph Alexander	AE. 77	
May 6	Anne Perry Wife of Hezekiah Perry	AE. 46	
Sept 11	Lucretia Brown Wife of Jonathon Brown	AE. 62	Consumption
Oct 4	Wid Rachal Bliss	AE. 85	Old age & Paralysis
1850			
July 25	Calvin Marsh	AE. 72.	
Aug 21	William Perry	AE. 61.	
Sept 24	Simeon Hubbard	AE 80	
1851			
June 6.	Hannah Tarbell Wid. of Elijah Tarbell	94 yrs	
Dec 8.	Lucia L. Converse Wid. of Augustus Converse	66 yrs	
1852			
June 27.	Lucius Hubbard Son of Simeon Hubbard	37 yrs	
July 17.	Abbie P. Moore wife of Aaron Moore	28 yrs	
1853			
Aug 4.	Eleanor G. Horner wife of Solomon Horner	45 yrs	
Nov 9.	William Hitchcock	60 yrs	
	Mary Hubbard wife of Thomas Hubbard	83 yrs	
	Linus Horner	71 yrs.	
1854			
Dec 1.	Elvira Knight Wilcox wife of - Wilcox	30 yrs	
" 15.	Adeline Griggs	47. "	
1855			
Oct 8	Elizabeth B. Spear	30 "	
Nov 16	Luther Walker	73 "	
Dec 3.	Thomas Hubbard	90 "	
1856			
	Sophia Parker wife of Samuel P.	53 yrs	
	Sarah Pynchon	78 "	
	Lydia Marsh	70 "	
	Sarah E. Allen wife of Elijah Allen	24 "	
	wife of E. N. Bronson	41.	

Record of deaths of persons in the Church.

1857.	8	Zenas Holbrook		
	9	Phebe C Spring.	wife of Elkanah Spring	a.2. 71.y
		Ebenezer Knight	M. D.	" 65 "
	28	Jedidah Brown	wife of Abner Brown.	" 60 "
	32	Mercy Sherman	wife of Thomas Sherman	" 84 "
		Captain Bond		
1858				
		Solomon Bond		" 55 "
		Calvin A Marsh		" 32 "
		Edwin B. Allen		" 27 "
	5	Rerin B. Hitchcock.	wife of Gad. H.	" 88 "
1859.				
		Jane Brown		" 66 "
	55	Charlotte A. A. Homes		" 22 "
		Esther wife of Lemuel Lunland		" 69 "
		Albon Jones		" 76 "
		Persis wife of Jra Hitchcock		" 84 "
1860				
		Elkanah Spring		" 79 "
		Mary wife of David Moulton		" 40 "
	5	Emma wife of Oliver Blair		" 85 "
		Lemuel Lunbard		" 78 "
		Mary wife of P. N. Paige		" 51 "
1861	55	Salina [illegible] Dwight		
Apr 14		[illegible]		
Apr [illegible]		Mrs Catharine [illegible]		
May 8	32	Lydia L. Hyles		
June 21	43	Calvin [illegible]		
1862.				
Feb. 9	25	Maria H. Nichols Williams		57
June 5	6	Edward E. Parker	[illegible]	23
July 24	82	George W. Paige	Captain [illegible]	24
Dec. 5		Sybil Y. Ward Christopher		54
1863				
Aug. 5		Lucia Hibbard Bishop widow of Deac Gad Hitchcock		82
" 16		Benjamin Shen[illegible]		65
Sept 1	26	Abner Hitchcock		57
Oct. 10		Eliza L. Isabell		52

[illegible] Church Members

1864			
March 12	Elizabeth Ellis Upham, wife of Lyman	65	Pneumonia
Aug. 4	Lovisa Upham	35	Consumption
Oct. 1	Rebecca Holbrook Bliss, widow of Sebastian	88	Paralysis of the throat
1865			
May 2	Jonathan Sm[illegible]	83	Old age
Sept 6	Ellen A. Mo[illegible]	17	Con[illegible]
Nov. 23	Harriet Jones	64	Typ[illegible]
1866			
Jan 21	Harvey Sm[illegible]	63	Typhoid pneumonia
March 4	Joshua Upham	74	"
Aug. 24	Lyman Upham	73	"
1867			
March 2	Lucy W. Ward	40	Liver complaint
" 12	Lucy Fairbanks	5[illegible]	Fall
	Frances M. Morse of Norcatur		Con[illegible]
1868	[No church member died this year]		
1869 June	Mrs. Lucina Homer		Pneumonia
	Orril Griggs		
8	Dea. Cyril R. Brown		
187[illegible]			
71			
Feb. 16	Mrs. Martha A. Kilbourn (Hyred)	70	Disease of the Blood
Mar.	Mrs ~~Rebecca~~ H. Bliss (at Michigan)	76	Sudd[illegible]
April 14	Mrs Ruth James (Orramus)	97	Old age
21	Betsey Drury	80	
Dec. 8.	Mrs. Ellen Paige Shaw (John) (at Monson)	28	Bright's Disease
1872			
Feb. 29	Mr. Alvin James	72	Erysipelas
May 12.	Miss, Mary A. Goodell, (Alden)	60	
Feb. 4.	Mrs. Sophronia Wheeler, (Augustus)		Suddenly
Aug. 11	Miss Mary E. Goodell	83	Consumption

Bill of Mortality in the Society of Dorm-y, Hall

Oct. 1837-	A child of Parsons Allen. Infant- Aged
Dec. 20-	Laura Anne Adopted daughter of Bernard Deane. 5. Croup
23.	Widow Isaac Bliss of Warren died at Marcus Hitchcocks
1838 Jany. 3.	Widow Townsley - about A. 90. - Old age.
19.	Mrs. Ruffer wife of Jno. Ruffer aged 74.
24.	Susan Young - daughter of Mr. Young " 22. consumption.
	Miss Woodard at the Factory aged about 20 -
March -	Infant Child of Brainard Smith
April	Widow Catey Nichols - - - - aged 80 or more
May 12-	Child of Mr. Bemas — — — AE. 7. Scarlet Fever -
13-	The wife of Mark Bond - AE. 24 - consumption
" 24	Child of Mr. Bemas - Son - AE. 6 Throat Distemper
June 1-	Another Child of Mr. Bemas - AE. 4 - " " Daughter -
June 14-	Mary Anne Janes dau. of A. Janes. AE. 19. - Dropsy. - - -
June 24	Infant Child of Solomon Tomes - Cholera
Sept. 1-	Wife of - - - Lunbard - East District
Oct - -	The wife of Jonathan Haynes - Suddenly about 50
" 21.	Daniel C. Hitchcock son of Nathan H. Fever. 21 -
" 24-	Child of a Mrs Morse at the Poor House Throat Dis. 2 -
28.	Mrs Hunn at the Factory Village. Suddenly. 58 -
Nov. 10-	a Child of a Mr. Whitney at the Factory Village. Fever &
	Miss Stebbins a maiden Lady between 70 & 80 -
Dec. 24-	Doct. Orsen Parker - Aged 30. consumption.
1839 -	
march 27 -	John Parker son of Nathaniel Parker Lung fever 4 yrs -
Apr.	Jonas Blodget. Old age. 94 Mr. Ruffer in a good many 97
June 11	Erasmus Stebbins. Killed by a fall from a Horse.
July 5-	Infant son of Nathan Robinson -
July 9	Abby Fairbank the wife of Aaron Fairbank. 25 —
July. -	Jenkins a colored man - 50 -
Sept. 14.	Damaris S. Blair the wife of O. W. Blair consumption 29 -
Oct. 12	Little son of O. W. Blair aged 4 months
Dec 24.	A son of Mrs Hitchcock aged 8. Scarlet Fever
Dec 30	Joseph Baker — — aged 67. Fit. Suddenly
1840. Jan. 7.	Child of Mr. Wales - aged 3. - Scarlet Fever -
13.	Infant Child of Levi Bliss. 8 weeks -
15-	Edward. Son of Wm W. Ward. aged 3 yrs. Scarlet fever
25	Child of Sumner Parker - AE. 18 months Do.
30.	Sophronia Daughter of Orson Sherman aged 2 yr. Do

1839 1840		
Feb. 6.	Sarah Charles wife of Abraham C. 26. consumpson	
" 6	Joel Thompson brother of the above — 24. Brain fever	
" 9.	Anne Elvira daught of Philip Hubbard	2 yrs 7 mo. Scarlet Fever
19.	Charlotte Eaton child of R. P. Wales	2 y. 10 mo. Scarlet fever
March 25	Edward Porter child of Alvin James	2 y. Scarlet fever
July 5	George Shaw died of wounds received from a horse 34 yrs.	
" 27.	A Child of M. Barnson son supposed to be poisoned 2 yrs	
* " Aug 1.	Cynthia Patrige	Aged 56 years
August 28	Joseph Griggs Old age	Aged 90 years.
Sept. 22	Bailey Bonds at the poor house	Aged 80 —
" 25	Abigal McLentick. Consumption	Æ. 39
Oct. 14.	Christopher Ward. Fever & old age.	" 93
Nov. 10	Cloe W. Smith wife of Elias Smith. Fever	" 28
Dec 5	Lucy Ann Harvey at the Factory	Con. 23.
1841 Jan 9. th	A Child of Stone	aged 2 years.
25	Thomas Atkins died at the Poorhouse	55
Feb. — 22	Child of Mr Lee at the Factory	17 months
" 24.	Elijah Isabell Senior	Aged 90.
March 10	The widow of George Shaw.	
17	Infant Child of John Bowly	
April 12	Daniel Shaw killed instantly.	
19	Theodore Fields Sexton of the Town	Æ. 73
27	Elvira James daughter of Alvin J.	aged 25
28.	Levi Charles. — —	aged 66

* July 31. 1840. Peter Groves. Aged 64.

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March 18. A child of Harvey [illegible] Goodell
March 24 " " " Mrs Alfred Hitchcock
" 29. Miss Bond aged 20. daughter of [illegible] Bond
May 14. Charles Salamon aged 20
June 12. Mrs [illegible] Stebbins aged 78
" " a child of Mrs Phila Hubbard aged 1 yr
" 15 a son of Mrs Newell aged 21.
" 17. Mrs Hannah Stebbins aged 78
" 30. Child of Mr Solomon Hamer " six months
July 14. child of Mrs Lawrence " 2. years
Aug. 11. Philomela Hitchcock " about 24.
Sept. 4. child of Edmond Davis' infant
" " Pike " 75 years
Oct. 4. Child of Demetrius Brown infant
Oct. 12. Mrs Marquis Converse " years
Nov. 6 Mrs Lyman Briggs " 46. years
" 8 Child of Mrs Hannah Parker " 1. year
Dec. 14. Mrs Walter Tarbell " 28 years
" 15 Child of Mrs Sam. N. Chesbrough " 7. years

1843

Jan. 4. Child of Mrs Hiram Gleason aged 4. years
" 14. Mr. Justin Morgan
Feb. 1. " Mrs Elias Tarbell " 65 "
March 3. Grand child of Mr Samuel Smith Infant
April 4. Mrs Chamberlain (for town) aged 84. "
" 10. Child of Mr Lee Dart " 2.
May 22. Mrs [illegible] Bugbee " 25
June 6. Mrs [illegible] Fairbanks " 70
" 29. Mrs Hezekiah Whiting " 22
July 5. Mrs Bathsheba S. Moore " 54
" 26. Child of Mrs Eli Barrows " 7

Mrs [illegible] Fuller

Oct. 11. Mrs Calista [illegible] Lee " 54
" 13. Child of Mrs Alfred Lunderland " 2
" 21. Mrs Hallock wife of Jonas. " 71
Nov. 5. Child of Abigail Newell " 2
" 9. " " Nathan Hitchcock " 1

1844

Jan. 5.	Child of the	John Bemis	aged	7. years
" 16.	Mrs	Thomas Sherman	"	75. "
" 22.	Child of the	David Moulton	"	2 "
Feb 11.		Capt. Upham	"	56
" 12		Mrs.		67
" 16		Goodale		
June 3.	Child of	Alfred Lombard		infant
" 10.	" "	Cyrus Sherman		aged 4. years
July 29.	" "	James Harvey	"	2 "
Aug. 4.		Mrs Timothy Bliss Jr	"	26. "
Nov. 24.	Miss Hawes	carried to North-Brookfield		
Dec. 13.	Dea.	Solomon Haven	"	74. "
" 14.		Mrs David Lombard	"	99 "
1845				
Jan. 24.	Mrs.	Pagter		
Feb. 16.	Mark	at Poor House — Sol. Corbin	"	49 "
Feb. 28.	Mrs.	Bagley Dorset	"	81. "
[illegible]	"	A. Harris		18.
May 5.	"	Wm. H. Ward	"	40 "
" "	"	Fiskdale		
June 2.	Miss	Lavinia Brown	"	17 "
May 17.	Mrs	Benj. Sherman	"	"
June 8.	Miss	Thompson (at poor house)		"
" 10.	Child of	Mrs Dana		"
Jun. 5.	Mrs.	Zachariah Sherman	aged	86 "
" 29.	Child of	Mrs Tiffany	"	5 "
July 26.	Mrs.	Dunham	"	80+ "
" 18.	Child of	Mrs Cushman	"	2 "
Nov. 1.	"	" James Bliss		infant
" 25	"	" Samuel Coy	"	2. years
1846				
Feb. 22.	child of	Mrs Silas Smith		infant
" 23.	Mrs	Groves	at poor house	about 60.
March 22.	Miss	Cordelia Stebbins		
" 25.	"	Bliss		
April 13.	Mrs.	Lombard		
" 26	Mrs.	Thomas Jones		
May 3.	Mrs	Festus Foster		
" 15.	Wm.	D. Lincoln		aged 21

1846

	Mrs	Field	
June 16.		Child of Samuel Smith	
" 18.		Augustus Jane	
" 19.		Geo H. Lamb	
July 28.	John	Bond	Non Resident
Aug 29	Mrs	Scott	Wife Leonard's
Sept 9.	Mrs	Orrin Sherman	
" 24.	Mrs	Benjamin Jones	79 years
Oct. 17.		Child of Thomas Hubbard Jr.	2 years
Oct. 29.	Mrs.	Rhoda Cox.	[illegible] years
Nov. 15.	Dea.	Charles Barnes	
" "	Mrs	Clough	
1847			
Jan. 27.	Mr.	Silvanus Stowell of C. Falls	
Feb. "		Child of John Draper	
April 11	Mrs	Mina Hall Andrews	46 years
		Child of Alpha Lombard	[illegible] year
		Child of John Draper Infant	
		Mary Lawrence	
		Mrs. Reading Kendall	25 years
		Child of Henry Lombard	
		Lewis Lombard	
		Charlotte Lincoln	20 years
		Dea. Jacob Bishop	74 years
		Wm P. Cox	
Jan 3. 1848		Mrs. Butterfield	26 years
Feb 8.		Lorenzo Nutting	18 years
" 25		Child of Roswell M Ledoyt	Infant
" 26		Thompson - Son of Wm Thompson	15
March 2nd		Fenton son of Ephraim D.	14
" 9		Elisha Merrick	81
" 11		Aaron Bliss	82
" 22		Child of A B Lyman	Infant 2
" 29		Asa Williams	64
April 1st		Jabez Fay	80
" 12		Daughter of Barnes Child	11
" 16		Child of Asa Williams	Infant
" 26		Child of Hartwell Barnes	"

		Bill of Mortality in the Society & Town—		
1848				
May	7	Child of Wm K Dunmark	Infant	
"	8	Child of Asa Williams		7 years
"	10	Wid Margaret Williams		74
"	19	Nathaniel Parker		69
"	16	Eliza J Tucker		
"	28	David Homer		79
June	16	Child of John W Foster	9 Months	
"	30	Ezra Perry Jr		60
July	6	Tirzah Rice		23
Aug	5	Child of Miner Andrews	(by burning)	2
"	14	Wid. Forkit		73
"	15	Elisabeth Fuller		77
"	22	Child of Alured Homer	11 Months	
"	26	Phebe Ann Sharp	Drowned	28
Sept	1	Child of P W Paige		3
"	2	Wid Mary Dutton	Consumption	35
"	4	Elias Tarbell		67
"	13	Submit K Tarbell		73
"	13	Thomas Corbin		90
"	27	Charles Harvey		19
"	30	Wid Ruth L Newell		72
Oct	12	Child of Wilson Homer	Infant	
"	31	Mary C Fuller		16
Nov	18	Son of Luther Webber		14
1848	49			
Jan	11	William H Perry	Consumption	35
"	30	Child of Henry Converse	6 months	
"	31	Wid Mehetable Bond	Suddenly	79
Feb	13	Wid Oliver Gleason		83
"	16	Susannah Alexander		77
May	6	Anne C Perry	Protracted & painful sickness	46
"	10	Child of Calvin Ward	3 months	
"	30	Dr Cornelius M Stewart	Consumption	2 "
June	7	Henry F Merrick		30
"	18	Willard W Lombard		32
August	1	Abigail Harris	Consumption	17
"	13	Lucy Ann Stetson	"	22

1849 Bill of Mortality in the Society & Town

				age
Sept	11	Lucretia Brown	Dysentery	6 2 years
Oct	5	Wid Rachel Bliss		95
"	24	Adalin S Fenton	Consumption	22
Nov	9	Miner G Fenton	Dropsy	15

1850. Bill of Mortality in the Society's Town

Jan.	Mrs. — Lyman.	——	Æ. 65 yrs
Feb.	Mrs Crouch		aged
March 2d	Mr Joseph Alexander	——	aged 73. yrs
March 17.	Mr Nathaniel Clark		Æ. 73. yrs.
" 27.	" Luke B. Charles	——	Æ. 46. yrs.
Apr 8th	Mrs. Olds	——	
" 14	Mr. Michael Fagan		Æ. 81. yrs
May 9.	Mr Thomas Colton	——	Æ. 75 yrs.
May 26.	Ellen. Daugt. of John Newman		Æ. 6. yrs.
× May —	Mrs Marcy		
May 27	James, son of John Sherman		Æ. 8 yrs.
" 31.	— Daugt. of " "		Æ. 3. yrs.
× May —	Son of " "		Æ. 12 yrs
× May 29	Mrs Lunbard		Æ. 35 yrs
× June 22.	Mrs. Collis	"	26. yrs
" 25	Mr. Calvin Marsh	"	72 yrs.
Aug 21.	Mr William Day	"	61 yrs
Aug 24	Mr Simeon Hubbard	"	80 yrs.
Sept 1.	Mr George Harvey	"	28 yrs.
Sept. 11.	Miss Mary Ward.	"	21. yrs
" 13	Mrs — Harvey	"	52. yrs
Oct 1.	— Mack. Grandchild of Mr Mack.	"	2 yrs
Oct 15	Mr. Amariah Watkins	"	24 yrs
× Nov. 28.	— Child of Mr Miller		
Dec 6.	Mrs Hannah Warren wife of Elisha		81. yrs.
× Dec 13.	Mr Daddy Blodgett	——	" 75. yrs.

1851			
Feb. 6th	Mrs Emily Baker	"	" 18 yrs
" 9th	Mrs Sarah Parkit	"	" 42
" 9th	Mrs — Colton.	"	" 67
March 15th	Charles Bountelatt	"	8. m.
26th	Mr Otis Lessions	"	68.
Apr 3.	Sarah A Letts	"	5
" 13th	Mrs Laura M. Denton	"	37.
" 14	John Prouty	"	5
" 17	Miss Ann M. Nichols	"	17.
May 2.	Mr Orasion Morgan	"	72.

Bill of Mortality in the Society of Zion.

May 11.	Mr Joseph L. Upham	AE.	23.	yrs.
" 30	Miss Mary Smith	"	21	"
June 6th	Mrs Hannah Tarbell.	"	94	"
Aug 14.	Miss Emma M. Bonard.	"		8 m.
" 22	Mr Danforth Green	"	73	"
" 29.	Mr Levi Fairbanks.	"	73	"
Sept 6th	Miss Eunice Shaw	"	82.	"
" 9th	Miss Delia Bonard.	"	19.	"
" 11th	Miss Elvira M. Shaw.	"	16	"
" 14	Mrs Dorcas Blanchfield	"	75	"
" 15	Miss Ellen Bonard.	"	12	"
" 26	Infant of Lewis A. Bowers.			
" 30	" " Wm. G. Tarbell.			
Oct 14	Mrs Sophia L. Converse	"	66	"
Nov 1.	Infant of Danl G Bonard.			
" 5.	Miss Hannah Allen.	"	58	"
Dec 22.	Mary L Upham	"	1	" 5 m.
" 23	Mr Amariah Robinson.	"	75.	"
" 30	Daughter of Cyrus Nichols	"	3.	
" 31	Mrs Delia A Warner.	"	21.	"

1852

Jan 27	Mrs Elizabeth Porter Wid of Reuben Porter	"	82	yrs
Feb 23.	Miriam Hitchcock dau of Marcus H.	"	19	yrs
Mar. 27.	Chloe G. Hubbard Wid. of Simeon H.	"	77	yrs
Apr. 20.	—— —— Wid of Thomas Charles	"	73	yrs
May 10.	—— —— Child of Marquis Converse	"	2	yrs 8 m.
" 11.	Delia M. Bond dau. of Solomon Bond.	"	18	yrs.
" 17	Betsy Blanchfield wife of Alfred B.	"	47	yrs
July 17.	Abbie P. Moore wife of Jason Moore	"	28	yrs.
June 18.	Josiah Chandler.	"	50	yrs
Aug 6.	Philmah M. Nichols wife of Cyrus N.	"	31.	yrs
" 11.	—— —— dau. of Luther Hiscock	"	14	yr
Sept 4.	Rhoda F Mandness wife of Benj. Mandness		47	yrs
Oct 1.	—— —— Child of Wm B Dimock	"	6	m.
" 12.	Phinehas Fuller.	"	87	yrs
Nov 10	Mary — child of Alfred Converse	"	4	yrs
Dec 2.	Hannah Ann Child of Warren F Tarbell	"	1	yr 5 m.
" 11.	Elvira Perry	"	35	yrs

1854 List of Mortality in Society's Town, Erie Field.

Feb. 23.	Julia M. Parker, dau. of Pennel Parker.	aged	23 yrs
Mar 10.	Clarissa N. Work wife of John Work.	"	18 "
" 17	Francis Webber.	"	72 yrs
April 27.	Joanna L. Brown dau. of Calvin Brown	"	14 "
June 3.	Nabby L. Griggs wife of Orlando Griggs	"	41 "
July 11.	— — dau. of Wilson Bowen.	"	1 " 6 m
" 15	LeMir Allen, Wid of Elijah Allen		85 "
" 17	Maria Benson wife of Lewis Benson.	"	52 "
[illegible]	Eleanor C. Bowen. wife of Solomon M.	"	45 "
" 22	Harilla Upham dau. of Joshua Upham	"	18 "
" 27	— Child of Elroy F Spaulding	"	1 "
" 29	Joseph Burnham	"	47 "
[illegible] 12	— Child of Daniel Howard.		
" 20	Oliver Terry	"	62 "
Oct 19.	Barzillai Sherman	"	45 "
[illegible] 3	Nathan Whitbeck.	"	86 "
" 18	Elbert Alexander.	"	81 "
[illegible] 2	Ruth P. Bartlett wife of Grosvenor Bartlett	"	32 "
" 19	Polly C. Hubbard wife of Thomas H.	"	43 "
" 23	Linus Bowen	"	71
[illegible] 18	Child of Grosvenor Bartlett.		
1854 Jan 22.	Lucinda P. Shondike	"	55 "
" 22.	Ira Moore —	"	58 "
" 27	Lillian Alexander.	"	54 "
Feb 28.	Walter, a child of Walter Pratt.	croup	" 4 "
March 6.	Willis, Son of Orson Sherman	croup	" 2 7 m
" 9.	Willis Donnelly		" 8 2 "
April 6.	Sarah B. Kenfield wife of —	consumption	" 22.
May 12.	Son of Orrin C Andrus.	accident in Dam Mill	7.
" 8.	Mrs Moon		" 46 "
June 6.	Sarah Charles		" 86 "
July 7	Asa Lincoln M. D.		" 74 "
" 18	Mary Morgan		52
Aug 1.	Asa Lyman		" 71 "
" 2.	Hannah Bacon.		78 "
" 4	Child of Johnathan Emerson		1 mo.
Sept 14,	Hannah A. Parker		17 "
" 22	Alfred Allen		86 "
Oct 21	Barbara C. Benson		38 "
Dec 1	Eliza P. Pilcher dau of Asa E. Kinsell		30 "
" 14	Adelina Griggs		47 "

1855 Bills of Mortality in Society & Town, Brimfield.

Feb. 16.	——	Child of Chas. Collis	aet. 10 days
Mar 24.	——	Child of Porter Nelson	" 4 "
" 26	Miner Hale	N. E. corner	" 78 "
" 27	Jeremiah Brown		" 85 "
June 8	Susannah N. Chadwick		" 81 "
" 10	Amasa Bacon		" 79 "
Sept 16	——	Child of Daniel Stonard.	" 11 mos.
Oct 6	——	Child of Henry Lyman	" 7 "
" 9	Otis N. Allen		" 29 "
" 8	Elizabeth S. Dean		" 80 "
Nov. 16.	Luther Walker		" 85 "
Dec 3.	Thomas Hubbard		" 90 "
" 4	Rebecca Moore		" 93 "
" 11	——	Child of Joseph Lunsland	" 3 mos.
" 14	——	Child of Joseph L. Wood.	" 3 days
" 19	——	Child of Elijah Barns	" 4 days
" 28	Joseph D. Brown		" 88 "
" 31	Lucretia Pepper	w. J. Palmer	" 73 "

As this record is kept by the Town clerk there is no occasion for its continuance.

Deaths of Church Members.

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Record of Dismissions.

1838	March 8	Martha Griggs Corey	to Ch. in	Sturbridge
	April 8	Dauphin Brown		Bloomingville, Ill.
		Sila " (Dauphin		"
		" Sarah Patrick (_____		"
		" Susan L. Patrick (Samuel		"
		15 Lucy Hubbard Fairbanks		Paine
	May	3 Phoebe Bates Foster _____		Palmer
		13 Laura Abbot		Cortland N.Y.
1839	Jan.	3 Azubah Blanchard		Stafford, Ct.
		27 Abigail Hitchcock Andrews		Ellicottville, N.Y.
	March	24 Lydia Hubbard Keep		Monson
	April	21 Sarah A. Blair Merrick		"
	Sept.	29 William A. Downer		Chagrin Falls, O.
		" Mary D. Bliss		"
	Dec.	22 Martha Fenton Alexander		Homer, N.Y.
1840	Jan.	12 Eliza Sherman Sigourney		Oxford
	May	24 Percy Whitwell		East Windsor
	June	7 Polly Ingram (Elias) Delia P. Bliss		Hardwick
1841	Jan.	3 Susan Watson Emmons		Hinsdale
	July	4 Harriet A. Allen		Holland
	Sept.	3 Hannah Griggs		Shrewsbury
		" Hezekiah L. Perry		Amherst Coll.
1842	Jan.	23 Thomas W. Dearth		Charleston, Iowa.

Record of Dismissions & Recommendations

1841

April 28. Thos Cumsa Fay to First Con. Ch. Hartford Conn.
May 19. John C. Dresser & wife to 1st Con. Ch. South Brookfield
June 11. Sam. Stone Hitchcock & wife to Con. Ch. in Manchester
" " Delia Chandler " " " " "
" " Stillman Hitchcock & wife to Con. Ch. in Rutland
" " Jos. H. Hitchcock & to Con. Ch. in Calotville
July 21. Chloe H. Fuller to " " " Palmer
Sept. 28. Sylvester Hitchcock & Lucy L. his wife to Con Ch. in Main Village
Dec. 4 Elisha Fay. " " " " " "
" 27. Sam. Stone C. (Corp) dismissed to Con. Ch. in Manchester

1843

Jan. 8. Mrs. Sarah G. (Wyles) Brown. to Pres. Ch. N.Y. City (by Skinner's)
March 3. Miss Hannah H. Fay to Church in Springfield massachusetts (Rev Mr Hitchcock)

May 4. Mrs. Caroline Needham to Con. Church in Huntington
" " " Lydia C. Foster to Pres. Church in Hudson Ohio
" " Mrs & Mrs. John Vinal to Con. Church in Woodstock Conn.
July 1. Mrs. Susan Williams to Pres. Ch. in Chillicothe Ohio.

1844

Aug. 4. Thos. Moses Tyler & wife to 1st Cong. Ch. Chagrin Falls Ohio
" " Mrs. Ruth W. Nichols to Ch. in Monson
" 27. Mrs. [illegible] to [illegible]
Sept. 21. [illegible]
Oct. 5. [illegible]

1845

Jan. 5. Mrs Sarah H. Church to " " Columbia Conn.
May 4. Mrs. Mary Fuller Randall to " " Colchester Conn.
Dec. 31. Lucy Ann Castle & wife to " " Somers Conn.
" " Mrs. Lydia Wyles to " " New York - by Patt.
" " Mrs Rachel M. Lane. to " " Pres Church
" " Simon P. Ware & wife & Lucretia A. " " by Cert.
Dec. 31. Nehemiah & William Gilbert & wife Gilbert. " " Monson Conn.

1847. May - James Manning & Rachel W. & Catherine W. Manning
Oct 14 - To Mrs Mary H Bowen
" " Amherst Robinson

1849. June Nancy & James (Rev) to Ch in Warren
Dec. Hannah Dwight to Ch. in Palmer
May Lovina Church & Mr. his wife to Ch in Monson

May Hannah Fay to Ch in Ware.
Oct 4. 21. Mrs Mary Whitcomb & Mary his wife to Ch. in Ware.

Record of Dismissions & Recommendations

1850.

May 26. To Mr Lyfer Childs & wife Nancy — to Ch. in Chickapee

Sept 22. Mrs Marcia (Goodale) Webber to Ch. in Holland

Dec. 29. Mr Wm Upham to Church in Spencer.

1851

May 1. Mrs M. J. Drummer to any Evangelical Church

Aug 10. Mrs Harriet Brown Munn. to 2d Ch. in Palmer.

Oct 12. Mr Amos Whitcomb to any Evangelical Church.

1852

Feb. 14. Mrs Pamelia Hoar to Ch. in Monson.

Apr 11. Wm Nord & wife to Ch. in Warren.

1853

April 30. Mary Cushin (Dismissed) to Ch in Chickapee

1854 Aug. 14 Mrs Endosia Converse Flynt to 1st Ch in Monson.

1854 Jan. 6. Mrs Harriet E. (Horner) Arnold to ch. in Cleveland Ohio.

Oct 21. Mrs Laura (Spring) Ninde. to Ch. in Rhinebeck. N.Y.

1855. Feb 26 Mrs Sarah Lincoln Hale 1st Cong. Ch. Beloit Wis.

" May 24. Mrs Polly Snow to 1st Cong. Ch. Woodstock Ct.

" " " Philip G. Hubbard & wife to Oneida. Ill.

Oct 30 Mrs Sarah J. Warren Stockton to N. York city 2d Alexander ch.

" Urania J. Shaw to Ch. in Mansfield Ohio.

1856 May Ezra D. Knight & wife to 2d. Cong. Ch. Springfield

June Alfred E. Pierce & wife to Park Cong. Ch. Brooklyn N.Y.

" 24 Henry E. Whitcomb to Ch. in Sturbridge

May

Dec 26 Edward L Dorr & Mary his wife to Ch in Chicopee

1860 June 18 Mrs Eliza Ann (Colander) Whitney to Ch. in Westminster

" " 22. Mrs Sarah (Perrions) Lyder. to Ch. in Spencer.

" Oct 6. Daml. C. Kelly to Ch. in Greenfield

" " " Mary Myers to Ch in Montreal

" " " Martha M (Bliss) James to Ch in Longmeadow Mass

Record of Dismissions & Recommendations.

1861. Jan 20.

47 Voted. to dismiss James Walker. | Evang. Mis Assn. | Minerva B.
59 " & Chas. M. & recommend them to the Cong. Ch. in Warren.

1862

2 Jan. 4 1 Voted to give Mrs. Sarah M. Upham Rogers a letter of
2 dismission and recommendation to the M. E. Ch. in Monson.
Mar. 1 " Mrs. Susan E. C. Brown (Gen. A. to the Ch. in Lee, Ill.
3 Oct. 21 Gen. A. Le Dyt Cong. Epis. Ch. Northampton

1863

Jan. 18 1 Fidelia L. Alexander (nee Barnes 4 South Brookfield
July 2 2 Catharine Ponty Upham (Laurens 5 "
Aug. 2 3 Ellen A. Lawrence Rec'd (Thomas 6 Shrewsbury

1864

Sept. 1 1 Wilson Homer 7 Marblehead, Mass.
" " Nancy Rice " "
Nov. 3 2 Mrs. Aaron B. Lyman 8 Cr. Ch. So. Brookfield

1865

Apr. 21 1 Mrs. Betsey B. Homer 10 Spring St. Cong. Ch. Milwaukee Wis.
2 Mrs. Mary Ann Homer " " " "
Oct. 21 1 Mrs. E. R. Taft 12 " " Cong. Ch. "

1866

Feb. 25 1 Eli Barrows 13 Cong. Ch. Sunderland, Mass.
" " "
Apr. 1 3 Archer H. Smith 14 Cong. Ch. Chicago
" " Celia A. Brown Smith (wife) 15 "
June 3 4 Chas. L. Allen 16 Union Ch. Worcester
5 Aaron Bliss 17 Union Park Cong. Ch. Chicago, Ill.
6 Mrs. Aaron Bliss 18 "
Martha A. Bliss 19 "
Harriet M. Bliss 20 "
" Mrs. C. Walker Brown 21 "
Dec. 9 " Mrs. M. B. Gould 23 Cong. Ch. So. Groveland

1867

Mar. 2 1 Mrs. M. A. Hyde (Miss M. A. Hyde omitted as deceased) 27 Delaware, O. Cong. Ch.
Jan. 1 " Mrs. Lyon (Miss Lyon omitted) 28 Mt. Ida, Cong. Ch.
Aug. 4 3 Mrs Lyman Griffith (Sarah S. Brown 29 Morrisania, N.Y. Port Morris Ch.
" 4 Mary L. Brown " " "
29 5 Rev. Solomon Homer & 28 Warren, Cong. Ch.
" 6 his wife 29 "

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Date.	Name	To what Church	No.	Page	Page
1867					
Aug. 29	Mrs. Susan Bliss	Worcester, Mission Chap.		30	42
Dec. 22	Mrs. John Witter	Tuttiany, Ct. Cong. Ch.	8	31	63
Jan. 3	Mary A. Hyde	New York, West Pres. Ch. 42nd St.	9	32	64
	[illegible] Bliss	College Church, New Haven, Ct.	1	33	63
1	[illegible] Hyde Mrs. H. D.	Harwood " Boston	2	34	62
" " 22	Sally Lombard Fallon, Co.	First " Millbury	3	35	65
1870					
May 9	Mrs. Benj. Sherman	Tabor, Iowa	1	36	23
	Mrs. Ruth C. Hale	"	2	37	57
" "	Mrs. Eliza White	Holland	3	38	39
" "	Mrs. Lemuel Allen	Third Church, Chicopee	4	39	34
	Mrs. Harvey D. Gross	Monson	5	40	67
1871					
	E. Price	Springfield Memorial Church	1	41	
	[illegible] Hyde	"	2		64
	Lucia L. Wilson	Lawrence, Mass.			
	Mrs. Charles [illegible] Hyde	Haverhill, Mass. Central Church			
	[illegible] Mary King [illegible] Hyde (C. M.)	Haverhill, Mass. Central Church	6		
	Lydia A. Perry	Peabody, Mass.	7		
	[illegible]				
	[illegible] Mary F. (Hubbard) Jones	Washington, D. C.	1		
	[illegible] Edward Kent	North Brookfield, 1st Ch.	2		53
	Mrs. Lucy Maria (Dale) Keep (N. S.)	" " " "	3		53
	Mrs. Fanny P. Bixby (N. J.)	Belvidere, N. J. Presb.	4		57
	E. Bixby	" " " "	5		59
July 30.	Mr. Charles D. Briggs	Westford, Evang. Church	6		56
Sept. 10.	Mrs. Emma (Dale) Dawley	Westminster	7		54
Oct. 1	Mrs. Helen E. (Emerson) Wild	Sturbridge	8		60
Dec. 24	Miss Delia A. Merrick	Monson	9		61
1872					
Feb. 13	Mrs. D. P. Morse	Amherst, 1st Cong'l.			
" "	Mrs. C. M. Sherman	Southbridge Cong'l.			

Record of Titles of Excommunication.

1844			
Nov. 25		Lucinda Hitchcock,	Secession &c
		Abigail B. Hitchcock (Artemas)	
		Harriet A. Hitchcock,	
		Albigense W. Griggs	"
		Zelotes C. Griggs	
	27	Harvey Goodell	
		Clark R. Griggs	"
		Mary Ann A. Merriam	
1847			
Sept. 4	5	Sarah Morgan (Justin)	Spiritualism
1852			
Sept. 2	5	Pamilla H. Stebbins ( )	
1857			
Feb. 21		Eri Baker	Absenteeism
		Lucy wife of (Baker (Levi)	"
		Lucina Hatch	"
		Mary Mack	"
		Mary Lucia Monson	"
		William D. Webber	"
		Mary Remington	"
		Ruby Blanchard	"
		Anna M. Stebbins (Lewis)	"
		Owen Griffith	"
1858			
Apr. 28	27	Mason Wentz	Non-attendance
Oct. 27	27	Velina J. Tucker	"
1860			
Jan. 1		Orlando Ewins	"
Sept. 1	52	George B. Hitchcock	Own confession
1861			
Aug. 29	8	Perlina Smith (Elias)	Absenteeism
186-			
Jan. 1		Azubah Johnson (Aaron)	"
1871			
Aug. 31	69	Frederick Alfonso Webber	Immoralities.

Delegates.

Dec 3	[illegible]	North Woodstock Conn.	Installation of Rev. Thos. Bostwick
	Ach. Williams	North Wilbraham	Ordination of Mr. John Bowers
1838 Apl. 29	Linus Stone	East Ware	Installation of Rev. J. E. Woodbridge
May 6	Capt. R. Brown	Portland, Me.	" " " J. B. Condit
June 3	Dea. A. Hitchcock		Conference
Aug. 19	Capt R. Brown	South Brookfield	Ordination of Mr. W. A. Nichols
Sept. 9	Ebenezer Knight	Ware	Installation of Rev. Henry Smith
Dec. 16	Marcus Converse	Sturbridge	Dismission of Rev. J. L. Cass
1839 Mar. 3	Eben. Williams	South Brookfield	" " " W. A. Nichols
Apl. 21	Moses Sexton	Sturbridge	Installation of Rev. D. R. Austin
June [illegible]	[illegible]		Conference
Sept [illegible]	Dea. A. Hitchcock	Prescott	Dis. of Rev. J. Cushman &
[illegible]			Inst. of Rev. J. Wood
	W. M. Ward	Charlton	Ordination of Mr. G. W. Anderson
May 1	Ebenezer Knight	Hardwick	" " Rev. B. M. Fay
June 7	John Paine		Conference
1841 Mar. 2	Sol. Homer	Palmer	Dismission of Rev. Mr. Backus
1842 June 5	Dea. Ballows	North Brookfield	Conference
1843 Jan. 1	W. Paige	South Brookfield	Ordination of Mr. L. Whiting
July	Sol. Homer jr.	Monson	" " " S. Bartlett
Oct. 15	Dea. C. R. Brown	Barre	" " " A. Bullard
[illegible] May 10	Ezra Perry Jr.	Sturbridge	" " " L. Gore as
1846 Apl. 5	Sol. Homer	Ware	a Home Missionary
			Dismission of Rev. S. Bartlett.
Oct. 11	W. Fay	Monson	Installation of Rev. Mr. Fitts
1848 Feb. 13	Eben. Knight	Palmer	" " " T. Wilson
1850 Feb. 17	N. S. Hubbard	Rutland	" " G. Fisk
May 26	Sol. Homer	West Brookfield	Conference
1851 Aug. 31	Dea. Danl. Lin Brown	East Ware	Installation of Rev. J. G. Colton
Sept. 12	Julius Walker	Sturbridge	Dismissal of Rev. D. R. Austin
Oct. 23	Paul W. Paige	Holland	Installation of Rev. C. C. Pa[illegible]
1852 Apl. [illegible]	C. Sumner	Palmer	Dismission of Rev. T. W. [illegible]
11	S. Homer	Walden	" " " C. Smith
May 25	L. Upham	Sturbridge	Installation of Rev. H. Burbee
Sept. [illegible]	Dea. Daniel Brown	South Brookfield	" " " J. N. Bragg
1853 Mar 20	Dea. C. R. Brown	Walden	" " " J. W. Sorthy
1854 Apl. 13	Dea. P. W. Paige	Holland	Dismissal " " A. Page

Ordinations

34			
Apl. 13	Bro. A. S. Hubbard	Warren	Ordination of Rev. [illegible]
			Installation of Rev. [illegible]
May	Chas. Jones	Spencer	" " " [illegible]
Nov. 17	Wilson Homer	Palmer	" " " [illegible]
Mar 17	Orson Sherman	Monson	" " " J. G. Colton
Apl	Aug. Wheeler	Stafford	" " " [illegible]
June 6	Dea. R. W. Paige	North Brookfield	" " " W. H. Bennett
	Dea. Dauphin Brown	W. Brookfield	Conference
38 June 6	Julius Walker	South Brookfield	"
Oct 26	Alvord Homer	West Brookfield	Dismissal of Rev. [illegible]
39	Julius Walker	"	Installation " " C. M. Cordley
	A. S. Hubbard	Dana	Conference
Dec 1	S. C. Kelley	Globe Village	Dismissal of Rev. Lennis
	D. E. Brown	South Brookfield	" " " J. R. Bucy
May 12	G. W. Paige	North Brookfield	" " " W. H. Belcher
June	Lyman Upham	Spencer	Installation of Rev. T. T. Waterman
Aug 14	Eli Barrows	Staffordville	Ordination of Mr. H. M. Tuttle
43 Mar 5	Dea. Sol. Homer	"	Dismissal of Rev. S. S. Smith
			Installation " " E. L. Jaggar
May 21	Dea. Dauphin Brown	Spencer	Conference
June 21	Orson Sherman	Sturbridge	Installation of Rev. M. B. Angier
Oct 18	Dea. R. W. Paige	North Brookfield	Brook. Asso. For. Miss. Soc'y.
44 May 14	Jas. E. Blair	Shrewsbury	Installation of Rev. [illegible]
	Elijah Allen	Oakham	[illegible]
45 Sept. 13	Dea. C. K. Brown	West Braintree	Ordination of Mr. Nathan Thompson for Colorado
May 11	Bro. Marcus Kitchcock	Ware Village	Conference
Oct 3	Dea. Dauphin Brown	West Warren	[illegible]
June 5	Rev. O. & C. Hubbard	Southbridge	[illegible]
Sept 9	Dea. R. W. Paige	Springfield	[illegible]
16	Dea. Dauphin Brown	West Warren	[illegible]
46 June 2	Rev. Orson Sherman	Sturbridge	Dismissal of Rev. M. B. Angier
	Dea. C. K. Brown	Barre	Conference
Oct. 13	Rev. Alvord Homer	Warren	Dismissal of Rev. E. L. Jaggar
Dec. 22	Rev. W. L. Kupp	Monson	Dismissal of Rev. J. G. Colton Ordination Rev. C. B. Lemon
Dec 2	Rev. A. Hudson	[illegible]	[illegible]
June 9	Dea. R. W. Paige	North	North field Conference
	C. Blackmer	North Brookfield	Installation of Rev. G. H. De Berniere

				Ord. [illegible] of Rev. [illegible] Hamilton
				Ordination [illegible]
			Southbridge	Dismissal of Rev. E.B. Palmer
	June 8	Dea. Jas. [illegible]	[illegible]	Conference
	[illegible] 31	Dea. Dauphin Bro[illegible]	[illegible]	Dismissal of Rev. A.A. Jones
	Oct. 14	Rev. H.H. St. [illegible]	Southbridge	Installation of Rev. E.E. Jaggar
1871	June 11	Dea. Jas. T. Blair	Globe Village	[illegible]
		[illegible]	[illegible]	Installation of Rev. Mr. Bull
"	June 29	Dea. Saml Paige	Southbridge	Installation of Rev. M.L. Richardson
"	Sept. 13	Dea. Jas. T. Blair	Lyman Hill Center	Ordination of Mr. O.P. Emerson
"	Oct. 15	Dea. N.S. Hubbard	Hartford Conn.	Am. Miss. Association
1872	[illegible]	Bro. [illegible] Sherman	Southbridge	Dismissal and [illegible] of Rev. J.L. Jaggar
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Ordination of Rev. [illegible]
		[illegible] N.S. Hubbard	[illegible] Conference	Stubridge
"	Oct.	" J.S. Blair	"	No. Brookfield
1880	[illegible]	[illegible] Bro. H. Corbin	N. Brookfield	Conference
1905	Sept. 10	E.B. Brown	Palmer	Dismissal of Rev. Myron O. Patton
"	" 17	M.H. Corbin	New Braintree	Confirmed
"	" "	E.H. Drumbert	"	"
1907	June [illegible]	Dea. Edward Fairfield	[illegible]	Installation of Rev. L. Lewis
1912	Nov. 7	Dea. Minor H. Corbin	Springfield	Association
"	" 7	Mrs. Minor H. Corbin	"	"
"	" 7	Dea. Edward B. Brown	"	"
"	" 7	Miss Gladys W. Estabrook	"	"
1918	May 8	Dea. E.W. Fairfield	Mittineague	Association of Churches
"	" 8	Dea. M.H. Corbin	"	" "
"	" 8	Frederick Bissell	"	" "

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It was a time of solemn joy when at the communion
[illegible] and openly, cherished a
hope in Christ, made public profession of their faith: and
again at the succeeding communion season when others
came forward for the same purpose. More than 100
[illegible] had a Christian's hope to the Pastor, but not
all made public profession. Some were only temporarily
[illegible] with us, some preferred the doctrines of the
Adventists to the Doctrinal Belief of this Church, and
some from youth or diffidence or lack of faith made no
public profession.

[illegible] most interest during the past
year was the Celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary
of the S.S. in connection with a S.S. Convention of the
Superintendents and Teachers of the Sunday Schools
belonging to the 23 Churches of our Brookfield Association
& Conference. The Anniversary was appointed for the 15th
[illegible] Mr. [illegible] was chosen
[illegible] Mr. [illegible] Secretary, [illegible]
[illegible] assisted by the Pastor. Only 15 were
present in response to a call for the Teachers and Scholars of 1819.
Some of them gave interesting reminiscences of days gone by.
Concert Exercise by Mrs. J.T. Bronnis Class "The Monument of Faith."
The S.S. Concert & How to Conduct it, read by Mr. S.P. Ribbins of Ware.
Intermission for Collation in the Hall.
Infant Class Exercise "Feed my Lambs", Miss Laura Hitchcock, Teacher.
Chalk Tracing, a Blackboard Exercise on B.S. by the Pastor
Preparation for Teaching by Mrs. Hyde of Ware
The Early Conversion of S.S. Scholars, by Rev. Mr. Jaggar of Southbridge.
Addresses on this topic were made also by Rev. Messrs [illegible]
[illegible] Mr. [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Mr. C[illegible] [illegible]
nearly 25 years in all, and [illegible] than any other
our School and Scholars than any other one [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
such a time was as lamented as it was unexpected.
Mrs. Lucina Homer, widow of Dea. Solomon Homer, died [illegible]
[illegible] home to which she had removed though she had [illegible]
[illegible] ship. Miss Orra [illegible] Griggs [illegible]
was released from pain by death.
These 3 deaths and the dismissal of 5 members Widow [illegible]
(her daughter Mrs. Ruth C. Hale): Widow Eliza White [illegible]
Lemuel Allen, and Mrs. H. D. Griggs, have diminished [illegible]
8. 2 have been added by letter, and 38 by profession [illegible]
making our present membership 212; 56 males, 15[illegible] [illegible]
But statistics fail to show the real condition [illegible]
Numbers are one Evidence of strength, but they do [illegible]
constitute it. What we continually need, what we [illegible]
[illegible], is a fresh Baptism of the Holy Spirit, a [illegible]
of [illegible] and of [illegible].

1880 Dec. 31 The above Report was read, adopted, and [illegible]
[illegible] the Records of the Church.

[illegible]
[illegible] Church [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] C. C. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

C[illegible]

[illegible] Church [illegible]
[illegible], and for the current year to [illegible]
benevolent objects by cards & envelopes distributed in the [illegible]
with the money contributed to the [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Voted To receive Mrs. Daniel Emery on profession
at the next Communion.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay the
printing Cards and envelopes & making the boxes.

Voted That the Resolutions presented by the Standing
Committee, for discussion and adoption, on the Duty of
Church Members qualified to vote, to connect themselves
with the Ecclesiastical Society in connection with this Church
be referred back to them for amendment.

C M Hyde Cl.

Voted, That the Resolutions presented by the
Standing Committee at the last meeting be laid on
the table & be called up whenever action may be deemed
[illegible]

C M Hyde, Cl.

[illegible]

C M Hyde Cl.

May 12 1870

A Meeting of the Church called to Order by
Dea Paul W Paige
Voted A L Converse Moderator.
" E Allen Clerk.
Prayer offered by Dea Dauphin Brown.
The Following Letter was read.

Brimfield May 8th 1870

To the First Congregational Church in Brimfield

A residence of eight years in this community has resulted to me in many hallowed associations and pleasant memories. But recent events in the Providence of God have led me to the conclusion, that it is desirable and best for me now to resign, as I do herewith, my pastoral office. It is with feelings of deep personal regret, yet also with the settled conviction that it is a duty I owe to myself, to the Church, and to its Great Head, under the circumstances in which I find myself placed, to tender to you my resignation. In accordance with the forms and usages of our denomination I ask the Church to unite with me in calling a council that the pastoral relation may be duly dissolved, if by said council judged expedient and proper.

Ever your sincere friend & well wisher
Charles M Hyde.

Voted To grant the request of Rev C M Hyde as given in his communication
Voted To Choose a Committee of three to communicate the above vote to the Parish and should they accede to the measure to unite with the Pastor in calling an Eccl Council to effect his

over

dismission according to Ecclesiastical usage
Voted Dea Paul M Paige
" Dauphin Brown
A.L. Converse
Committee

Attest Elijah Allen, Clerk,

Copy.

Whereas our Pastor has tendered his resignation of
Office and has asked this Church and Society
with him in calling a Council to consider the
and if terminate it if by them judged advisable:
In accordance with his request we invite you to be
represented by Pastor and Delegate at an Ecclesiastical
Council to be held in the Vestry of this Church
on Wednesday next, the 31, at 10 A. M. to consider
and if deemed advisable, to dissolve the
pastoral relation.

C. M. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
H. J. [illegible]
E. F. [illegible]

Copy.

[illegible] hope of this Council that this Church may be united in [illegible] and action, may labor earnestly and prayerfully for the prosperity of Christ's cause in this place, and may speedily secure another pastor to break to them the bread of life.

Signed; A. E. P. Perkins
Moderator.

A true copy
Attest [illegible]
M. L. Richardson
[illegible] Clerk. Scribe.

Oct the 10.

Called to order and
Voted Bro P.P. Hoyt Moderator
Prayer by Bro A.L. Converse
Voted to adopt the following resolution offered
by James J Brown
Resolved That the Female members of this church
have all the rights and privileges of
Male Members in the business meetings
of the Church
Voted (Unanimously) That this Church extend
an invitation to Bro Wm B. Boardman
to settle over us in the Gospel Ministry
Voted to Choose a Com of Three to confer with
the Church Com in Carrying out the Vote
Voted Bro L. H. Fair
[illegible]
Chas Allen)

Voted [illegible] Chas Allen Clerk

[illegible] Rev. [illegible] Bradford Moderator
[illegible] Rev. [illegible] Scribe

[illegible] minutes of a letter missive drawn [illegible] Church and Society in Brimfield, was read & accepted [illegible] in the Meeting House. Voted [illegible]
[illegible] Brimfield [illegible]
[illegible]
The Council was composed of Pastors and Delegates [illegible]

[illegible] The Council then proceeded [illegible] Rev. [illegible]

Brimfield — Rev. [illegible]
[illegible]

Monson — Rev. C. B. Summer Pastor
[illegible]

Palmer — Rev. B. N. Tillotson Pastor
Bro. Hiram Converse Del.

Warren — Rev. C. J. Austin Pastor

West-Brookfield — Bro. William Paige Del.

East-Church, Ware — Rev. A. L. Perkins D.D. [illegible]
Bro. Luther Chapin Del.

[illegible]
Rev. Horace Hall's [illegible]

[illegible] Church of this Division from its [illegible] was read [illegible]

Rev. A. L. W. Perkins D. D. of Ware.

VI. Charge to the Pastor

Rev. Charles Sumner of Munson.

Right Hand of Fellowship.

Rev. B. M. Fullerton, of Palmer.

VII. Charge to the People.

Rev. M. La Richardson, of Sturbridge.

VIII. Benediction.

By the Pastor.

The Second Installation of the Pastor
and the brevity of the Church Record for the year
constitute no apology for the omission of
this Record which would be marked with pre-
by the Church

The year has been one of marked
interest, while it is hoped that the faith of Christ
has been strengthened, that their graces have been
and that the Gospel has not been without
Effect in the community

At the beginning of the year the
Roll of the Church was 212. of whom 90 were
and 150 were females. The additions to the
have been 21. three were by letter, the C. C. Rice
widow and 18 by profession two C. F. Briggs

The terms of the Church have been
[illegible] I was
[illegible] I have passed away
[illegible] The following
[illegible] Rev. & Mrs Charles M. Hyde, [illegible]
Perry and Miss Mary L. Page

The names of the dead are as follows
Widow Sarah B. Prouty, Widow Tryphena
Lydia Briggs, Mr. Orson Sherman, Mrs Sarah
Mr. Alured Homer, Widow Endocia M. Wales
M. Wild and Col. Lewis Blackm

[illegible] and 6 [illegible]
[illegible] members of the Church
12 to [illegible]
that the number of Communicants
[illegible] the Church
[illegible]

Chas. Dec. 28, 1870

Ethiuck Allen Clerk

At a [illegible] M. B. Boardman — be Clerk [illegible]

Voted: That a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Congregational Church Washington, D.C. be granted to Mr. [illegible]

Voted: That letter of dismission from the Church and recommendation to the [illegible] Church in Brookfield be granted to Miss M. F. Keep.

Voted: That letters of dismission from the Church and of recommendation to the M. E. Church in Belchertown be granted to Mr. Isaac Bixby, and Mrs. Julia L. Bixby

Voted, That Mr. Alfred Converse be a Committee to [illegible] Mr. Isaac Bixby.

Attest — M. B. Boardman
Clerk

At a meeting of the Church July 30th 1871.
Voted: That a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Evangelical Church, Westboro, be granted at his request to Mr. Charles D. Griggs.
M. B. Boardman, Clerk

At a meeting of the Church Aug 27. 1871,
Voted: To receive into this Church Sea Eleanor Horner and Mrs Marionette Horner by letter from the Cong'l Church in Warren Mass
M. B. Boardman Clerk

At a meeting of the Church. (Prudential Com.)
Aug. 31st 1871.
Voted: To withdraw fellowship from Frederick A. Webster for intemperance, profanity and other immoralities
M. B. Boardman Clerk

At a Meeting of the Church Sept. 10, 1871.
Voted to give a letter of dismission and recommendation to Mrs. Emma L. (Dale) Dowley to the Church in Westminster, Mass.

M. B. Boardman, Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Church Oct. 1st 1871.
Voted to give a letter of dismission and recommendation to Mrs Helen E. (Emerson) Weld to the Cong'l Church in Shirley, Mass.

M. B. Boardman, Clerk.

The Contributions of the Year ending Oct. 17, 1871 were as follows:-

A.B.C.F. Mission	$212.24 again of
Am. Miss. Association	18.40
Am. Home Miss. Soc.	141.50
Seamen	18.00
Congregational Union	500.00
Sabbath School	90.00
Miscellaneous	10.62
	$990.76

At a Meeting of the Church Dec. 24th 1871.
Voted to give a letter of dismission and recommendation to Miss Celia A. Merrick, to the Congregational Church in Harvard, Mass.

M. B. Boardman, Clerk.

At the Annual Meeting of the Church Jan. 4th the Reports of the Pastor and Treasurer of the Church were read and adopted and the former ordered to be recorded in Records of the Church.

Voted, also, to assess the sum of Twenty-five cents upon each member for Church expenses.

A Report of the Pastoral Library was also read and accepted.

Annual Report of Church for 1871

We again stand at the threshold of a new year. The record of this Church and Community and also of our individual lives for 1871. is made up and closed. Thus another period of time and considerable portion of our earthly life is ended.

During the year five members of this Church have passed from time to eternity. They have put off this mortal and put on immortality. They have gone. We part from the church militant to the Church triumphant, from communion with us to the presence of Christ and the glorified saints.

The names of the dead and their ages are as follows. Mrs. Martha A. Hitchcock. 70. Mrs Ruth Jones 97. Mrs Rebecca H. Bliss 76. Mrs Betsey Drury 80. Mrs Ellen. P Shaw 28. Their average age was a little over 70. Two of them were absent from town at their death Mrs. Bliss being on a visit to her children in Michigan. and Mrs Shaw residing in Monson.

Nine have removed their relation to other Churches during the year. Mrs. Mary A Crimes to the Congl Church Washington D.C. Mr & Mrs. W. S. Keep to the 1st Congl. Church, North Brookfield, Miss Fanny E. Sibley and Miss Julia D. Sibley, to the Meth Episcopal Church Belchertown, Mr Chas D Griggs to the Congl Church Westboro. Mrs Emma D. Dawley to the Church Westminster, Mrs Mellen E. Held to the Congl Church Sturbridge. and Miss Delia A Merrick to the Congl Church Monson. From Mr F. A. Webster fellowship has been withdrawn. In these various ways fifteen have been removed from our membership, only four of whom were residents of the town at the beginning of the year. Four have united with the Church during the year. Dea & Mrs Solomon Homer, and Rev & Mrs. A B. Boardman. The male membership has been reduced one. and the female 10. so that the Church now consists of 51 males and 136 females.

In accordance with a recommendation of the Church Committee letters have been sent to several absent members of the Church bearing our Christian greetings and fellowship. also requesting such as have permanently located elsewhere

to remove their connection from us to a Church in their vicinity.
In response some have desired to remain in our Communion,
and others have removed their relation.

Of the Church there is too great neglect of assembling our-
selves together for Conference and Prayer. Your Pastor believes
God is waiting for this Church to bring their tythes into his
Store house. He will be inquired of by his people to do the
great work of reviving his Work and Converting Sinners.
Verily there is a fault with us here.

Social Meetings have been held on Sabbath and Friday
evenings, these are called General Prayer Meetings. Some on the
Evening of the first Sabbath of every Month when the Mission-
ary Concert has been held. There has also been a Church
Prayer Meeting most of the year on every alternate Thurs-
day Eve. In addition to this there has been during the Fall
and Winter a Young Peoples Prayer Meeting Wednesday
Evenings, attended by Pastor to their Charge. Yes. have
been the most hopeful Social Meetings. At one time a
considerable interest was manifested and several sanctified
Prayers, a few of whom have experienced hope as Christians.

In the early part of the year there appeared to be
some revived interest in the Church, and our hopes brightened Considera-
-bly, but these indications soon passed away. Where the responsibility
rests it will be well for us all pastor and people to inquire
with deep solemnity. Both publicly and privately your Pastor
has sought to increase the attendance and interest of these
Social means of grace, and has as said before felt more
discouragement at the apparent neglect of these meetings,
and the want of activity when God seemed coming so near
than at all other hindrances of the work.

We expect the world to resist the humbling truths of
the Word, We expect the natural heart to turn away
from Spiritual things, and we feel that only God
can convert the heart. We rejoice that he does change
the heart and the views of some and makes them love
what they did not love, and renounce what they once held
dear. We ought also to expect that Christians will explode the
Word, will manifest their love of Spiritual things and
stand fast by the cause of the Redeemer.

We are the light of the world the salt of the earth. Let not that light henceforth be hid. nor the savor of that salt be lost.

Let us at this opening of a new year consecrate ourselves again to God and to his service. Let us be more attentive to public and private and social religious duties, for it is not a vain thing to serve the Lord. And may it be that at the beginning of another New Year such as may be spared in life may rejoice at the great power of the Word of God in our community and the progress of his Kingdom here.

The Superintendant of the Sabbath School reports a good attendance through the year, and no less general interest than in preceding years.

The greater time given to the Sabbath School during the summer while the Church held but one preaching service was thought beneficial to this part of the Church Work.

The general attendance upon Public Worship has been good in pleasant weather. The scattered condition of the population and the quite general exemption on Sunday has rendered our Meetings somewhat thin on a few rainy and threatening Sabbaths.

Our largest congregation except on extraordinary occasions has been 260 the average of fair weather Congregations is not far from 220. in the A.M. and 120. in the afternoon.

Four Infants have been baptised in Token of Gods Covenant with with believers and their Seed. These are Etta Lydia and Anna Orilla Children of Edward and Julia Hitchcock. Alice Hebber Child of S. H. & L. Brown and William Bradford Child of Wm. B. & E.E. Boardman. Some members of the Church refuse to present their Children for baptism.

The Contributions of the Church have been.

To the A.B.C.F.M.	$ 212.24
" " Am. Bible Soc.	15.40
" " A.M. Home Miss	141.50
Seamens Friend Soc.	18.00
" " Cong Union	500.00
" " Sabbath School	90.00
Miscellaneous	10.00
	$ 991.76

The Congregation and Town Contributed to the Sufferers by the fire in Wisconsin $355.05 and a Considerable amount of clothing. The Ladies Benevolent Society also sent a Parcel of valuable clothing to Rev. H. Kellogg a Home Missionary in Minnesota.

Report of Pastors Library

By a careful examination of the Pastoral Library Jan 1st I have found that no volume belonging to it has been lost, and that all the volumes are in good Condition. These number 594 including a Set bd of the Cong Quarterly and one of the Bibliotheca Sacra which alone are unbound.

I have purchased for the Library in the year only one volume, a Copy of the Bible. The Library had great numbers of Commentaries and Expositions and Illustrations and Dictionaries of the Scriptures but no Copy of the Scriptures themselves. I have subscribed only for one Periodical the Bib Sacra. I intend however to continue the Cong Quarterly which has its Chief value as a yearly presentation of the Statistics of Congregationalism

I found in the Library 17 volumes of the Bib Sacra unbound. These I have had bound uniformly with the previous volumes at a cost of $24.63. This with the cost of the Bible $2.00 and the cost of the Bib Sacra for the year $4.00 amounting to $30.63 Comprises all I have expended for the increase of the Library.

I have received from the Treasurer of the Society $28.63. An additional Book Case has been provided for the Library sufficient to contain all the additions that will be made for some years. I find the Library a great help in my work. There are certain directions in which it as yet has few if any works. These will in time be supplied. Its books are mostly valuable and well selected. Doubtless different men would make different selections as they would have different tastes and wants. In time from its increase it will become a most valuable possession to the Society and help of the Pastors

Respectfully Submitted

Jan 1st 1872. A B Bourdman Pastor

Annual Report for 1872.

In the year Under review six members of this Church have died viz

Mrs Sophronia Wheeler	aged	69
Mr Orrin James	"	72
Mrs. Mary A. Goodall	"	60
Miss Mary E. Goodale	"	33
Mrs Lydia B. Parker	"	77
Miss Mary C. Emerson	"	25

Their Average Age 56 1-

Two have removed their relations to other Churches viz Mrs A. P. Morse & Mrs C M Sherman

Four have been received into Membership viz.

Mrs Mary H. Thompson upon profession
Mr Alfred G. Lamb & Mrs Caroline C Lamb & Miss Emma S Lamb from M.E. Ch. Monson.

The present total membership of this Church is one hundred and eighty two, of whom fifty one are Males and one hundred and thirty two are Females.

The Church has contributed to the

A B C F. M. by Card 149.15	Monthly Col	54.90
	Total	204.05
A. M Association -		26.16
Cong Pub Society		25.00
Home Missions By Card 57.	32	
By Ladies Society	45. Total	134.00
Sab School Collection		57.33
Sum Total		446.54

During the year the regular services of the Sanctuary have been maintained, except during two months in the heat of summer the Sabbath afternoon service was omitted. The attendance upon Public worship for the year we cannot report exactly but believe the average is nearly the same as reported for the year preceeding.

The Sabbath School reports for the year an average attendance of sixty five and one half, with a good degree of interest in services of the School and it is hoped Substantial advance in the Knowledge of the Sacred word on the part of all in regular attendance.

The several Prayer meetings on Sabbath, Wednesdays and Friday Evenings, a portion of the Church and Congregation have found to be hours of Large profit and times of privilege worthy of marked attention.

One event deserves Special Notice.

Our Beloved Pastor in the early fall was Stricken down by nervous prostration just as he began to gird himself for renewed effort, after the too brief respite for Labor of his Summer vacation.

He must have rest, and change of air and Scenes at once or become a helpless prey to an infected & disordered mind. The blow came suddenly upon both Pastor and People. But one thing was to be done.

With great unanimity and promptness the Parish granted the Pastor a three months leave of absence, with his Salary continued, while with earnest Prayer for his Safety and full recovery to health they ceased not to follow his retreating footsteps, as he parted with his family and endeared people in Search of health. By invitation of the Committee of the Church immediately upon the departure of the Pastor, his Class mate and life long acquaintance and friend Rev Geo F. Chapin came to supply the place left temporary vacant.

Though we can report no General religious interest yet it is thought that the year has been prepared to some hearts for the richer reception of Gods truth. Christians doubtless have been Strengthened by the preached word and manifold means of grace here enjoyed. So the Church comes hopefully to the work of the new year.

all of which is respectfully Submitted

Brimfield Mass. Jan 9th 1873

Champion Brown, Paul M. Paige, A L Converse } Committee of the Church
Geo F. Chapin ad temp Pastor
E. Allen Cler

Report for the Year 1873

In the good providence of our God we begin a new year, and are permitted to review some of the events of the past year so far as they relate to the Church. Four have joined the Church, ~~two~~ One by letter viz Mr C F Hitchcock, and three by profession of faith viz Mr Fred A. Hitchcock Miss Susie Hitchcock, Mrs Ella (Brown) Hitchcock.

Four have been dismissed by Letter to Other Churches viz Mr Horace Nichols to the Cong Church Brookfield Miss Mary H. Thompson to Cong Church Webster City Iowa Mr John H Hubbard to Cong Church Washington D.C. Mr H B Holmes Pilgrim Church St Louis Mo. Four have died. Oct 30th 1873

Miss Sarah Bliss aged 64

Nov 6, Mrs Anna Hayward Widow of Joshua Upham age 79
" 23, Samuel Austin Hitchcock Esq age 79
Dec 29, Mrs Hannah Purser Widow of Thomas Purser ,86

Average age of deceased 77 years.

The dismissions and Deaths exceed by Three the number of Additions by profession and Letter leaving the present Membership of the Church 150 of Whom 50 are Males and 130 females.

Samuel Austin Hitchcock Well by known by his large gifts to Educational Institutions and other objects

The following is as nearly correct a list as can be made out at present viz.

To Hitchcock Free High School	$	75,000
Amherst College over		175,000
Andover Theological Seminary		120,000
Illinois College		50,000
Tabor College		5,000
The Pacific Theological Seminary		5,000
The Cong'l Library Boston		25,000
To this Church and Society for Ministerial Support		5,000

over

Mr. H. had been a member of this Church since 1838, but his extreme deafness prevented his frequent attendance of late upon the Services of the Sanctuary. By his death the world loses a generous Christian benefactor.

The Benevolent Contributions of this Church and Congregation during the year were as follows viz

To the A B C F M.	187.65
" " A M A Association	30.41
" " Am Home Miss Society	200.48
" " Seamans Friend Society	20.00
" " Congl Union	18.30
" " Miscellanies	39.29
Ladies Benevolent Society	78.00
	584.13
Mr Sol Hitchcocks gift to the Cong Library Boston	25.000.00
	25.584.13

The services of the Sanctuary have been maintained during the year, and the Prayer Meeting on Sunday & Friday Evenings. The Young Peoples Meeting on Wednesday one were not continued in the Autumn. There was some religious interest in the winter, and we hope a few Conversions, but there was no unusual religious interest in the Church through the year.

Rev Geo H. Chapin, who ministered here during the absence of the Pastor in Europe left on the 1st of April and the pulpit was variously supplied until May when the Pastor resumed in part his ministerial work.

By the Kindness of the Parish he had been granted a vacation of several months to seek restoration of health by travel. Thinking he had obtained his purpose sufficiently to resume labor gradually he returned, but on approaching colder climates, he was again prostrated.

Before resuming in May he proposed to the Committee either to resign or to undertake partial Service preaching but once on the Sabbath and doing ab-

what he might feel able to do. The latter course was prefered as a trial and so he labored during the summer as he had strength, but it became appurent in the early Autumn that a complete withdrawal from labor was the only hope of recovery.

With great Sorrow at seperation from a beloved work and people he tendered his resignation and closed his labors Nov 1st

At the close of the year the committee of supply engaged Rev. H. K. Pierce for the ensuing

May the Lord bless his labors and encourage and strengthen the Church making it prosperous and eminently useful.

One by one we who are now members of this Church shall be called away from earth into eternal scenes.

May it be that in the Church triumphant in Heaven we may have place through the riches of grace in Christ Jesus.

By request of the Committee
M B Bourdman

Attest
Elijah Allen Clerk

Church Meeting Feb. 27th 1874

Called to order by Clerk and
Voted Dea P. W Paige Moderator.
Moved by Dea I S Hubbard and
Voted That it is Desirable to retain Mr Pierce
after the first of April.
Moved by Dea J S Blair and
Voted That this Church extend a call to the
Rev W K Pierce to settle over them in the
Gospel Ministry
Voted That there be a Committee of three chosen
to carry the above vote into Effect
Voted Dea I. S. Hubbard
Bro E B Weld
" A S Peaty
} Committee

A True Copy E Allen Clerk of Church

Copy of Rev W. K. Pierce Letter

Brimfield Apr 1874

To the Committee of the first Cong Church and
Society in Brimfield

I have received your invitation to settle
in the Gospel Ministry over the first Cong
Church and Society in Brimfield by whom
you are authorised to act. I accept the in-
vitation upon the terms and conditions named
in your Communication. In doing so allow
me to thank you for such an expression of
of your confidence and also to express
my hope and trust that God will richly
bless our union as Pastor and People.

Respectfully Yours
W K Pierce.

E. Allen Clerk of Church

Letter of Invitation.

The Cong^{l} Church in Brimfield
To the Cong^{l} Church in Spencer.

Sendeth Greeting.

Brethren-

The Congregational Church, and Parish, of this place having extended an invitation to the Rev. W. K. Pierce to settle over them as Pastor; and he having accepted the same, you are cordially invited to meet in Council by Pastor and Delegate, at our Church to Examine and if thought proper install him, as Pastor of this Church and Society.

Yours in Christian Fellowship

Newton S. Hubbard. } Com. of
Albert S. Prouty. }
E. B. Weld . } Church.

Henry F. Brown.
Thomas J. Morgan. } Com. of
Edward Bliss .
E. W. Norwood . } Parish.

The other Churches invited, are

Cong^{l} Church — Sturbridge.
" " Holland.
" " Monson .
" " Palmer .
" East " Ware .
" " Haverhill .
" " Warren .
Union " North Brookfield.

E. Allen - Clerk of Church.

Pursuant to a letter Missive, an Ecclesiastical Council, convened in the Congregational Church, in Brimfield, Thursday at 10 O'Clock A.M. April 30th 1874, and Rev. A. E. P. Perkins D.D. was chosen Moderator, and Rev. B. M. Fullerton, Scribe. The Council was opened by Prayer by the Moderator. The following Churches were represented.

The Cong'l. in Spencer by -

Rev. H. A. Shorey. Pastor.
Bro. Geo. P. Ladd. Delegate.

The Union Church
North Brookfield — Rev. Chas. E. Cooledge Pastor
Bro. Freeman Walker Delegate

The Center Church
Haverhill - Rev. C. M. Hyde D.D. Pastor
Dea. Ezra Kelley. Delegate

The Cong'l. Church
Monson - Rev. C. B. Sumner - Pastor.
Bro. Chas Carpenter - Delegate.

The Cong'l. Church
Sturbridge - Rev. M. L. Richardson Pastor.
Dea. Thomas Snell - Delegate.

East Church
Ware - Rev. A. E. P. Perkins - Pastor.
Dea. Otis Lane - Delegate.

Cong'l. Church.
Palmer - Rev. B. M. Fullerton - Pastor.

The Cong'l. Church
Holland - Rev. D. J. Bliss Pastor.

The Clerk of the Church in Brimfield presented the record of the vote of the Church, calling Rev. W. K. Pierce to the Pastorate, and the Clerk of the Parish read the concurrent vote of that body. Mr Pierce's answer to the call was also read. The Candidate for Installation next offered papers showing his

Membership in the First Congregational Church in Winthrop Maine. and ordination to the gospel ministry in Machias Me. June 12th 1872. Said papers were voted satisfactory. The Council then proceeded to the examination of Mr Pierce, as to his Theological belief, personal Religious experience, and call to the Ministry; which was by them unanimously voted the Examination satisfactory.—

The Scribe on consultation with the Candidate selected the following order of Exercises, for the Installation services this afternoon.

First Voluntary by the Choir.
Second Reading Scriptures by Rev D. J. Bliss.
Third Invocation. Hymn.
Fourth Sermon by - - - - - - - Rev H. A. Shorey.
Fifth Installing Prayer by Dr. Perkins.
Sixth Hymn.
Seventh Charge to Pastor by Rev C. B. Tenney.
Eighth Right Hand of Fellowship Rev B. M. Fullerton
Ninth Address to the People by Dr. O. M. Lyde.
Tenth Concluding Prayer by Rev C. E. Coolidge.
Eleventh Hymn.
Twelfth Benediction by the Pastor Rev E. K. Pierce.

Voted that the Council adjourn at the close of the Public Services.

A. E. P. Perkins
Moderator

B. M. Fullerton.
Scribe

A true copy. Attest.
E. Allen. Clerk of Church.

Report of Clerk for the year 1874

Addition to the Church for the year are by Letter
Mr Horace Nichols from the Church in Brookfield
Miss Hattie B Brown " Norwich N.Y.
Mrs Mary Haines Keese now Tarbell Bethlehem N.Y.
" Clarinda M Bachellor Southbridge Mass.
" Ruth Sherman Tabor Iowa
Miss Agnes C. Bullard Utica N.Y.

One Death Mr Edwin Hitchcock

Amt of Contributions

A.B.C.F.M.	50.00
Home Missions Socety	63.50
A.M. Association	18.58
Sabbath School	64.35
Total	$196.43

Attest

Elijah Allen Clerk

Church Meeting May 1st 1874.

Voted to Adopt one preaching Service on the Sabbath for Six Months Commencing May 1st 1874 to Nov 1st

Attest Elijah Allen Clerk

Report for the Year 1875

There have died during the Year 2. Members of the Church
Mrs Mary B. Janes
" Hannah Wright

Dismissions from this Church 3.
Mr Fred A Hitchcock } Gilbertville Mass.
Miss Susie P Hitchcock }
Mrs Lucy Sherman Mitchell. Spencer Mass

Benevolent Contributions.

A B C F M.	37.94
To Washington	4.20
Sabbath School	53.88
A Met Association	10.00
	$ 106.02

Attest Elijah Allen Clerk

Report for the Year 1876

The No of Male Members of the Church 37
" " Females " 89
" " Non Resident " 30 Total Members 126
By Profession Added to the Church Sardonesi Gaches 1
" Letter " None
Dismissed Mrs Eliza Brown Bliss to Name 1
No of Deaths 6
Mrs Emily Brown, Mrs D. J. Sherman
Dea Paul M Paige
Amt of Benevolent Contributions $ 294.80

Members of Sab School 215
Average attendance 101
No of Families in Congregation 96

Attest Elijah Allen

Report of the Church for the year 1877.

The year has passed with the same swiftness as former years, with similar results to report. We have been three deaths of Members of this church during the year- viz.
Mr Cheney Selander, one of the oldest members, and for many years one of the Church Committee.
Mrs Almeronta Homer, wife of Deacon Solomon Homer, and Sarah Elizabeth Blair, daughter of Deacon James Blair.

Six Members have been dismissed from the church
Mrs Jane E. Blair Boynton, to Hollidaysburg Penn.
Miss Laura A. Hitchcock, to Worcester Mass.
Mr J. W. Knight to Honolulu Sandwich Is.
Miss Eunice B. Knight " " "
Mrs Sarah B. Fenton to Norwich Conn.
Frank W. Fenton " " "

Two person have united with this church-
Mr Frank A. Hosmer by Letter from South Woburn Mass.
Miss Abbie Spaulding by profession.

No. of Members, now in church

Males	34
Females	93
Total	127

The Benevolent contributions

For Foreign Missions -	$ 71.00
" Home "	$ 26.57
" A. M. Association	$ 38.57
	$ 136,14
Sabbath School -	48,53
	$ 184.67

The church services have been well attended with considerable interest but owing to some failing of pulpit or some other cause not publicly known, the labors of the Pastor have been hindered, and an indifferent Spirit prevails, to the extent that some have absented themselves from the communion service.

The evening meetings, especially Sabbath

evenings have been very well attended, and a good degree of interest manifested.

The average attendance in the Sabbath School has been fully equal to that of former years, and it seems that if the Spirit of Christ prevailed in each and every Member, the cause of Religion might prosper in the Community.

Attest. Elijah [illegible]

Revised

	Name	Date of Death or Dismissal	Remarks
	[illegible]		Died
	[illegible]		Deceased
	[illegible]		Deceased
	[illegible]		Deceased
"	[illegible]	D 1897	[illegible] Deceased
	Marcus Hitchcock	D. 1897	Deceased
	[illegible]		Deceased
	Martha (Hitchcock) Terry	Jan 3 1879	Died
	[illegible]		Dropped from the roll
	[illegible]		Deceased
"	[illegible]		Deceased
"	[illegible]		Deceased
	[illegible]		Died
"	[illegible]	Jan 2 1879	Died
	[illegible]		Deceased
	[illegible]		
	[illegible]		Deceased
	[illegible]		Dropped from the roll
	[illegible]		
	[illegible]		
	[illegible]		Deceased
	[illegible]		Deceased
	[illegible]		Deceased
	[illegible]		Deceased
	[illegible]		Deceased
	[illegible]		Deceased
	[illegible]		Deceased
	[illegible]	1878	Deceased
	[illegible]	Aug 18	Deceased to Sherborn
	[illegible]	1874	Deceased
	[illegible]	1875	Dismissed from the Church
	[illegible]		Deceased [illegible] 1901
	[illegible]		Deceased
	[illegible]		Died
	[illegible]		Dismissed to Sutton
"	[illegible]		" " "
	[illegible]		

Date of Admission	Name	Dismission or Dismission	Remarks
1853	p Elijah Allen		Dropped from the roll
1817	p Keziah Allen (C.M.)		" "
1853	p Elisha A. Kaish		Deceased
1819	p Lucina Mc Donald (C.M.)		
1853	p James F. Brown		Deceased
"	p Catherine W. Brown (J.J.B.)		
	Emory Livermore		Dropped from the roll
1851	Lucinda Livermore (C.M.)		" " "
1819	p Alfred Leonard Conner	name	changed from roll Oct 29/81
1853	p Almira Sedwick Conner (C.M.)		Dismissed
"	p Lucy Janet Brown (C.J.B.)		
"	p Harriet Holander (C.M.)		Dismissed to Brattleboro Vt
"	p Emery Brown Wilkinson		
"	p Albert S. Pratt	Jan	Dropped from the roll
186,	p Harriet R Prouty (C.S.P.)	1879	" " " "
1853	p David H. James	Feb 14,	Dismissed to Worcester
1857	p Jennette James (C.M.J.)	" "	" " "
1855	p Ruth Homer mid (C.M.)		Deceased
1856	p Rosina Lombard		
"	p Sarah Lombard (C.M.)		Deceased
1857	p Annis Hunt Smith mid (C.M.)		Died
"	p Nathan M. Goodale		Died
"	p Lucy Homer Goodale (C.M.G.)		Died March 1st /86
"	p Caine E Hitchcock	Sept 24 '8	Died
"	p Harriet Lucia Chamberlain (C.M.C.)	Name	Changed to Hall
1856	p Grace Felt Chamberlain	"	" " "
1858	p Julia Morgan (C.M.)	"	" " "
"	p [illegible] (C.M.)	"	" " "
"	p Edward Hitchcock	"	" " "
1862	p Julia Adams Hitchcock	"	" " "
1850	p George M. Hitchcock	"	" " "
1858	p Lelia A Hitchcock (C.M.H.)	"	" " "
1859	p Jane Newton (C.M.)	"	Dropped from the roll
1860	p Anna Rickett Wyeth mid (C.M.W.)	Jan 2	Died 1879
1862	p Josephine Emerson		Dismissed
	p [illegible] (C.M.)		
	p Julia T. Brown		

Roll Continued as Revised

	Name	Date	History
	Mar. A. Lawrence	1870	Dis. Shrewsbury Mass
1863	p Ellen Peter Shaw	June 17th	Died
	Rosella G. Shaw	" Name	Dropped from Ch roll
	p Edward Bliss	" "	" " "
1862	p Ellen (Charles) Bliss 1861	" "	" " " "
	p Lucy Hanna Brown		
	Ellen Harriet Brown		
	p Ellen Angela Thurston	"	
	p Ellen [illegible] Ward	"	
	[illegible]	Aug 26th	Died 1879
1862	[illegible]	March 3, 1880	Dropped
	William Wilberforce Briggs	"	
	Harold Lilley Briggs	"	Dism to Brattleboro Vt
	[illegible]	" Name	Dropped from Ch roll
	[illegible]	" "	"
	[illegible]	Nov 9 1869	Dism to Christ Church
	[illegible]	"	Dismissed to 2nd C. Palmer
	[illegible] (S.H.B.)	"	Dismissed " " "
	[illegible]	" Name	Dropped from Ch roll
	[illegible]	"	"
	[illegible]	1870	
1858	Healey Louisa	Oct 21st	Died
	Lucy Corbin (Healey)	Nov 2 1878	Died
	Lucy R. Corbin (Chesterwood)	" 1897	Died
	Mina H. Corbin		
	[illegible]	July 2 1880	Died
1862	[illegible]	Died	Sept 10th 1900
	p Ellen E. Wade	Name	Dropped from Ch roll
	p Lizzie A. Potter		Dismissed
	[illegible]		
	p James Reid Brown		
	p Louisa Merrell Brown		Deceased May 23 1891
	p Mary Brown (Parker) Shaw (Jonathan)	Name	Dropped from " "
	p Sabin [illegible] Thurston	"	" " " "
	p Esther (Ellis) Charles (1861)	"	" " " "
	p Rebecca Persis Lincoln (Mrs L)	"	
	p Arthur Billings Brown	"	"

		Date	History
186[illegible]	p Antonio Bardwell		Died Decr and
"	p Eva (Mrs Wm) Bardwell (E)		Transferred
"	p Edward Diego Brown		
"	p Sarah Bell Gay Brown		
"	p Isabella Louisa Brown		Deceased
"	p Mary Eliza Rice Brown		Died July 27/86
"	p Ella [illegible]	880 June 20	Dis Bridgeport Ct to Church
	p Wm Stowell Bulkeley	Name	Dropped &c
	p Wm [illegible]		Died
"	p Theresa [illegible]		
	p [illegible]		Deceased
	p [illegible]		
	p [illegible]		Died
	p [illegible]	Name	Dropped from Ch roll
	p [illegible]		" " "
"	p Lloyd [illegible]		Deceased
"	p Caroline E. [illegible]		
"	p Miranda W Buckell		Died
"	p Mary [illegible]		
"	p [illegible]		Residence unknown
"	p Wm [illegible]		Dismissed to Springfield
8/	p [illegible]		Residence unknown
	p [illegible]		
	p [illegible] & Mrs [illegible]		
	p Augusta H Calkins	26	Dismissed to Ch
	p Mary Elizabeth Lawrence	Name 1878	Dropped from Ch roll
	p Lucy Angenette Lawrence	Aug 18"	Dismissed to Stratford Ct
	p Mrs M. B. Boardman	" 18"	" " "
	p Mrs M B Boardman		Do
64	p Matilda Muzzy		Do
859	p Mary A Lawrence	Name	Dropped from Ch roll
880	p Mary Ann Ruggles Brown (E.B.B.)		Dis to Stratford Ct
	p Mrs Louis Blackmer		Died
880	p Zorilla M Lathrop		
	p Agnes Hubbard		Residence unknown
May "	p Lydia Alexander Ferry	Reid	Dismissed to Stratford
"	p Charles W. Robinson		

Record of Church Membership

1880				
July 4	p	Lilian E. Hitchcock	P	Dismissed to Spencer Aug 14 1894
" "	p	Stella C. Lamb	P	Deceased
Sep 5	p	Edgar P. Lincoln	P	Dismissed
1881				
May 1	p	Arthur M. Goolbroth	P	Residence unknown
" 1	p	Mary E. Dunham	P	Deceased

Members in good standing Jany. 1, 1881.

1874. L. 1 Bachelder, Mrs. Clarinda, = Mrs.
1861. L. 2 Blackmore, Mrs. Louis,
1872. L. 3 Blair, Mrs. Emma,
1859. P. 4 Blair, James S.
1846. L. 5 Blair, Mrs. Sarah F. = Mrs. J. S. Blair
1864. P. 6 Brown, Miss Abbie F. Dismissed Dec 27. 1882 to 2nd Congl Church Roxbury Mass
1841. L. 7 Brown, Mrs. Abbie N. = Mrs Danphin Brown. Died Dec 6. 1888
1831. P. 8 Brown, Mrs. Annie S. = Mrs. James H.
1853. L. 9 Brown, Catherine W. Mrs. James T. Brown
1841. L. 10 Brown, Dea Danphin.
1867. P. 11 Brown, Edward B.
1874. L. 12 Brown, Miss Hattie S. Dismissed Dec 23/88 to Memorial Church (Springfield)
1869. P. 13 Brown, Miss Isabella L.
1869. P. 14 Brown, James Reed.
1853. P. 15 Brown, James T.
1862. P. 16 Brown, Miss Julia T.
1867. L. 17 Brown, Lizzie H. Mrs. James H. Brown = Dismissed to Palmer.
1869. P. 18 Brown, Louisa, = Mrs. James Red Brown. Dec
1864. P. 19 Brown, Miss Lucy A.
1863. P. 20 Brown, Lucy F. = Mrs. Henry F.
1831. P. 21 Brown, Mary, = Mrs. Cyril. Died dec 1/81
1880. P. 22 Brown, Mary A. = Mrs. Edwd B.
1869. P. 23 Brown, Samuel H. Dismissed to Palmer
1874. L. 24 Bullard, Miss Agnes C. N.R.
1853. P. 25 Converse, Almira, Mrs. A. L. Converse Dismissed to Warren
1864. P. 27 Corbin, Miner H
1869. P. 28 Corbin, Sarah B. = Mrs. Miner H. Corbin
1869. P. 29 Dix, Ann F. = Mrs. Calvin Dix Died Sept 10th 1900
1826. P. 30 Emerson, Melinda = Mrs. Jonathan Emerson.
1860. P. 31 Emerson, Miss Josephine.
1835. P. 32 Ferry, Hezekiah Died Oct 4 1882
1880. L. 33 Ferry, Mrs. Lydia C. N.R.
1869. L. 34 Foskett, Nancy = Mrs. Rufus Foskett.
1869. L. 35 Foster, Mrs. Lucy.
1866. P. 36 Griggs, Daniel L.
1866. P. 37 Griggs, William W. N.R. Monmouth Ill.
1869. P. 38 Griggs = Mrs. Charles C.
1864 39 Griggs = = Mrs. Wm. W. Griggs. N.R.

Members in good standing January 1, 1884.

1843 L. 40 Haynes, Lucinda = Mrs. Hallet Haynes.
1873 P. 4 Hitchcock, Liliany = Mrs. Willie N. Hitchcock N. R.
1826 P. 42 Hitchcock, Marcus
1853 P. 42 Hitchcock, Sally, Mrs. = Mrs. Marcus Hitchcock
1869 P. 44 Hitchcock, Willie N. N. R.
1855 P. 44 Horner, Ruth, = Mrs. Hurd
1880 P. 46 Hubbard, Miss Agnes
1843 P. 47 Hubbard, Mrs. Lydia N. R. Springfield
1842 P. 48 Hubbard, Newton S.
1843 L. 49 Hubbard, Sarah, = Mrs. Newton S. Hubbard
1869 P. 50 Hubbard, Miss Sarah E. Dismissed to Cong'l Church Glencar Ill. Apr 29/83
1853 P. 51 Jones, David W.
1867 L. 52 Jones, Jeanette, = Mrs. D. W. Jones.
1831 P. 53 Jones, Mary, = Mrs. Alvan Jones
1842 L. 54 Jones, Marcella, = Mrs. Harvey Jones
1872 L. 55 Lamb, Alfred G. } Dismissed to Cong'l Church Warren Mass June 28. 1885
1872 L. 56 Lamb, Caroline, = Mrs. A. G. Lamb. }
1880 P. 57 Lamb, Miss Stella C. Mrs Bemis, }
1880 L. 58 Lathrop, Mrs. Lodia
1880 P. 59 Lincoln, Edgar P. Dismissed July 15 1885 to First M. E. Church La Crosse Wisconsin
1856 L. 60 Lombard, Mrs. Sarah N. R.
1853 P. 61 Marsh, Elisha C.
1853 P. 62 Marsh, Mrs. Harriet N.
1869 P. 63 Marsh, Luvana = Mrs. E. C. Marsh.
1826 P. 64 Moore, Ruth P. = Mrs.
1845 P. 65 Paige, Mrs. Catherine N. R. Hotel
1869 P. 66 Parker, Eva = Mrs. Chas Parker.
1819 P. 67 Prouty, Mrs. Lucy
1880 P 68 Robinson, Charles M.
1867 L. 69 Sherman, Julia A. = Mrs. Wm H. Sherman.
1823 L. 70 Sherman, Mrs. Ruth Died May 8/84
1832 P. 71 Sherman, Mrs. Sophia N. R.
1869 P. 72 Sherman, Wm H. died 1885
1863 L. 73 Shaw, Miss Ursula J.
1857 L. 74 Smith, Mrs. Annie H. Deceased
1866 P. 75 Smith, Sarah L. = Mrs. Hines
1852 L. 76 Snow, Elias L. May 3/85 Dismissed to Cong'l Church Dalton Mass
1852 L. 77 Snow, Lovan, = Mrs E. L. Snow.
1869 P. 78 Smith, Mrs. Mary F.

Members in good standing January 1, 1881.

1877. P. 24 Spaulding, Miss. Abbie — Died [illegible] 1906
1842. P. 28 Spaulding, Mrs Laura J.
1829. L. 29 Sunney, Miss Mehitable
1833. P. 32 Ward, Mrs. Flavilla — Died Nov 1 1885
1853. P. 33 Wilkinson, Emily J. Mrs. W. H. Wilkinson.
1876. P. 34 Yuchi Tardonori.

For names of members who took letters in 1878 for the purpose of forming a Second Cong. Ch. see pages, 270, 271.

Nichols Horace — Died [illegible] 1885

Additions since Jany. 1. 1881.

1881.

May. P. 46 Coolbroth, Arthur M.
" P. 47 Dunham, Mrs. Mary E.
Sept. L. 48 Norton, Mrs. Lucy A. C. — Dismissed Dec 1 to M. E. Church
March 49 1882 Charles H. Cooper — Dismissed Sept 30 to Cong Church Northfield Minn
May 50 Oscar B. Hale — N. H.
July 51 Rev. S. L. McLuffee L — Dismissed to Orange City Fla
" 52 Mrs Mary C. McLuffee " " " " " Jan 23/84
Sept 53 Thomas E. Bliss — Died Aug [illegible] 1885
" 54 Miss Rebecca Choate Bliss P
Nov 55 Morris L. Miner L) Dismissed Sept 30/83 to M. E. Church Bondsville
" 56 George E. Lamphear P — N. H.
1883 Sept 27 Mrs Sophia Tremain — [illegible]
Nov 4 58 Mrs Catharine Upham (L.) — Dismissed
" " 59 Miss Lucy Jane Upham (L) April 1885 Dismissed to Tabernacle M. E. Church Philadelphia
1884 May 4 60 Miss Alice J. Hale (P)
" " 61 Miss Ella I. Jenys (P)
Nov 2 62 Mrs Caroline B. Hale (L.)
1885 Jany 4 63 Rev Joseph Ryle L
" " 64 Mrs Emily J. Ryle L.
" " 65 Albert E. Ryle L.
" " 66 Miss Helen S. Ryle L.
" " 67 " Sarah V. Ryle L.
" " 68 " Emily M. Ryle P.
Oct 31 69 Melvin Booth L.
" " 70 Mrs Emily Booth L.
" " 71 Miss Lilian M. Booth L.

Membership - Continued

1886			
June 2	11	Mrs Louisa H. Lackey	L. from 2nd Congl Church East Douglas
" "	12	Mrs Catharine M. Sherman	L. " " " Southbridge
May 2	13	Miss Bessie F. Brown	P.
" "	14	Miss Cora B. James	P.
	15	[illegible]	[illegible]
1887 March 5	16	Minnie B. Booth	
" "	17	Miss Lucy M. Booth	
" "	18	Olin R. Booth	
" "	19	Miss Ida R. Agard	
" "	20	" Flora N. Agard	
" "	21	J. Calvin Dix	
" "	22	Henry W. Durant	
" "	23	Arthur E. Ormes	
" "	24	Alice J. Ormes	
" "	25	Minnie J. Corbin	
" "	26	Herbert M. Corbin	
April 30	27	George M. Stowell	L. 1st Baptist Ch Springfield
" "	28	Mrs Katie E. Stowell	L. " " "
" "	29	Albert Magson	L Congl Ch Hanover Conn
July 2	30	Mrs Mary (Amadon) Plimpton	L Congl Ch Manson (dismissed to M. E. Ch New Britian Ct. July 28 1888)
" "	31	Mrs Sarah (Holbrook) Goodale	L " " " "
" "		Nathan M. Goodale	died June 29, 1888
1888 March 3	32	James Harvey Plimpton	L from 1st Methodist
" "	33	Mrs Elisabeth F. Plimpton	L Episcopal Church
" "	34	Miss E. Nina Plimpton	L Southbridge Mass
" "	35	George Lincoln Plimpton	L

Jan 4th 1878

After the Preparatory Lecture this evening the Church came to order for the transaction of Business

Rev Wooster K. Rice in the Chair

Voted To hear, and accept the reports of the Clerk for the years 1876 and 77,

Voted To hear, and accept the report of the Treasurer for the year 1877

Voted To choose a Clerk of the Church and Edw. B. Brown was Chosen

Voted To choose a committee of five, to nominate a committee of four to confer with the Pastor, in relation to the divisions & feuds that Exist in the Church ~ Who reported the following and they were chosen Viz Dea Hamphin Brown, Wm James S Brown Jr Edw B. Brown, Wm C. Kittredge, were chosen said Committee

~~Attest~~ Edw. B. Brown Clerk

Voted To adjourn two weeks from to day next at one o'clock

Attest Edw B Brown Clerk

June 10th 1878

Met according to adjournment with Rev Wooster K Rice as Moderator. Meeting opened with prayer by the Moderator

Voted To hear the report of the committee chosen at the previous meeting

= The Committee Chosen at the annual meeting of the Church to confer with the Pastor in regard to the divisions & feuds that Exist in the Church, have attended to the duty assigned them and would report as follows -

At a full & free meeting of the Committee the afternoon interchange of views in regard to the matter it was voted as follows -

Voted That the prominent cause of trouble in the Church is the difference of opinion in regard to the Pastor,

Record of Committee to confer with Pastor

1911

[illegible] meeting held at which the Pastor was present and stated his views to the Committee on [illegible] which was passed

Voted That the difference of opinion that exists in regard our Pastor and the feeling that has grown out of it is of such Extent as to seriously impair his usefulness and make it in our opinion advisable for the Church to invite him to unite with them in calling a Mutual Council to advise with them in regard [illegible] and if found advisable to dissolve the Connection —

The Committee would say that in considering the matter before them it has seemed to them that while there has been various matters that have tended to make disturbance in the past it has seemed to us that at the present time that most other questions have become [illegible] and centered in the matters concerning the Pastor and have made it the prominent cause of our trouble

C. Brown
S Blair
J Brown) [illegible]

The Minority Report

As the whole of your Committee Chosen to confer with the Pastor could not agree in all points they (that is the Minority) would say that they have not signed the report just read in your hearing for the reason that they do not think that the difference of opinion [illegible] is caused by the difference of opinion in regard to the Pastor.

We feel that we think there are those who do not fully agree upon the present Pastor Comm[illegible] [illegible] Pastor to unite with Church in calling a Council seems to us the wisest policy —

Should there be those among our number who have not pleasant and kind words towards the Pastor or any member of the Church or Community we feel [illegible] by themselves to [illegible]

No Church [illegible] the Committee against the [illegible] find with him but on the [illegible] done a good work here and [illegible] Church [illegible] to do at present [illegible] the good work we think he will [illegible] is done a work here that [illegible] not for a great while to [illegible] are attendance at Church [illegible] preached — Being assured [illegible] Church have no [illegible] We the Committee most [illegible] Church to [illegible] the Pastor [illegible] in a great more [illegible]

[illegible]

Moved by [illegible] that [illegible] be accepted and adopted [illegible] 2d vote for it and 5 [illegible]
On Motion of [illegible] the [illegible] meeting be now dissolved

[illegible] E B Brown [illegible]

[illegible] 4th 1878

[illegible]

Recorded March 5 1878

To the Clerk of the first Congregational Church in Springfield. By vote of the Society connected with said Church at a meeting held this day April 15th 1878 I transmit to you a copy of a Vote passed by said Society the 6th day of February of said year.

Whereas differances have arisen and Exist in the Parish and Church in regard to our Pastor Rev W. K. Pierce to an Extent that Materially affects his usefulness with us as a Religious Teacher and Whereas by the terms of his Settlement over this Parish it is provided that Either Party may terminate the connection by giving Six Months Notice

Therefore Resolved that it is Expedient and advisable for us to terminate the connection in accordance with the foregoing provision

A true copy attest

Edwd Bliss
Parish Clerk

May 5 The Rev Webster K. Pierce preached his farewell sermon in the First Congregational Church this morning

Voted to receive into the Church by letter of recommendation from the Church in Monson Mrs Augusta M Watkins

Voted To give Letters of dismission and recommendation to the Church in Shrewsbury to Mrs Lucinda B Lawrence and her daughters Mary Elizabeth and Lucy Augusta Lawrence

6 Oct 6th Voted. To give Mrs Mary K. Lawrence a letter of recommendation to the First Congregational Church in Shrewsbury granting her request for the same 6th

At a business meeting of the Church called by the Committee of the Church held this day the following letter from Rev W. R. Pierce was presented and read

[illegible]

Dear Brethren

I hereby resign my position as Pastor of the First Congregational Church and having been installed as Pastor by an Ecclesiastical Council convened for that purpose April 30th 1877 I now ask You in accordance with the usages of our denomination to unite with me in calling a Council [illegible]

W. R. Pierce

In accordance with the above request the meeting was called to order by the Clerk, and Bro N. S. Hubbard was chosen Moderator. Prayer was offered by Bro [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Voted That the Church accede to the jurisdiction of Rev W. R. Pierce in calling an Ecclesiastical Council [illegible]

Voted To Choose a Committee of five to act with the Pastor in connection with the First Church on Ecclesiastical Council

Voted That Barnes L. Brown, Lucius Hamphrey Brown, David W. Jones, Wm W. Sherman, and Solomon Bowne be that Committee

Voted

[illegible]

At an adjourned meeting of the Church held this afternoon, to act upon the request of Augustus Whiting, S. M. Goodale, Edward Bliss and others for dismissal who desire letters of dismission and [illegible] that [illegible] named parties) may be formed into a new Church to be called, The Second Congregational Church in Springfield

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev Lyman Whitmore. The roll was called for absentees and [illegible]

Voted. That the request for letters of dismission be granted and they be recommended to an Ecclesiastical Council

Names	Names
Augustus Whiting*	S. G. Browning*
S. M. Goodale*	Jane S. Upham*
Edward Bliss*	Jane Newton*
Mary W. Whiting*	Joseph J. Raines*
Ellen N. Bliss*	Delia A. Hitchcock*
Esther L. Charles*	Martha Mingay*

[illegible] +
Ruth B Shaw +
Harriet A Chamberlain +
Lucy A [illegible] + died March 1st/86
Julia E Patterson +
Sarah M Moore +
[illegible] +
Edward H Patterson +
Ethan [illegible] +
E L Converse + (See page 257)
Mrs A M Hamm +
Mrs Rebecca [illegible] +
Helen C Hall +
[illegible] +
Mrs Sara Thurston +
Mary E [illegible] + died Feby 27/86
L F Chamberlain +
Mrs A M Allen +
Arthur H Brown +
Nancia A Brown +
Chas A Hunt +
[illegible] X
Albert J Poole +
Daniel R Pooley +
Geo H Patterson +
~~Lavie E Lamb~~ X
Sarah J Burton +
Amanda K Baker + N H
Ella M Foskett +
G B Ward +
A J Ward +
M Lizzie Ward +
Julia L Moore +
E Livermore +
M A Livermore +
Anna P Wyles X See page 257
~~Rock C Moore~~ X

X Letters not taken

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Oct 2

Know

That [illegible] person aforesaid receive a letter from this Church

Know

That a Committee of three to consist [illegible]

Know

That Jams E. Brown, Jams S Blair and David W. Jams be that Committee

Know

That [illegible] be now dismissed

Test

E. B. Brown Church clerk

The Congregational Church in Brimfield. To an Ecclesiastical Council convened for the purpose of organizing a Second Congregational Church in this place, Sendeth Greeting

Dear Brethren

_____ and others in good and regular Standing in this Church, having asked for a letter of dismission from us for the purpose of being organized [illegible] Ecclesiastical Council, into [illegible] Congregational Church, is hereby recommended to such Council when it shall be convened and if said Council shall deem it advisable, and shall proceed to organize said Church, the aforesaid applicant is hereby dismissed from us for the above named purpose and when _____ Shall have become a member of said Church and we are notified of the same — the Covenant will cease Wishing you grace, mercy and peace, many from the Lord. By the hand of _____ Clerk of the Church

Brimfield Oct 25th 1878

Copy of Letter Missive

The First Congregational
Church in Springfield to the Rev. and Reverend Ministerial Gentlemen
& Delegates

Whereas a Church of Christ
has been gathered in the Communion of Christ
& Faith connected with the Church, & the relation subsisted
between Rev. W. K. Pierce as Pastor of the Church and Church
according with the conditions of his Settlement

And Whereas the Rev. W. K. Pierce has terminated his ministry
his ministration as Pastor and asked the Church and Society
to unite with him in calling a Mutual Council that
measures may be duly taken in accordance with the Rules &
Usages of our denomination if by said Council
judged Expedient and Proper

We therefore invite your attendance
at Springfield on the second day of November next at ten
o'Clock A.M. for purpose in the first to examine into the
Doctrine Discipline & Practice of this Church & Society & if
the same shall be found Orthodox & Faithful & wherein & proper
Advice & Assistance be asked for

Fraternally yours

W. K. Pierce Pastor

Benjamin Brown Committee	Warren F. Brown Committee
David H. Ames of the	Newton J. Bowers of the
Wm. K. Sherman Church	James J. Bliss Parish
Solomon Rowe	

Springfield October 21. 1858

The Ministers invited to the Council are

East Long Meeting House	Rev. A. E. Perkins	Pastor
Evangelical Cong. Church	Brookfield Rev. C. E. Stebbins	acting
Cong. Church	Warren Rev. [illegible]	"
Second Cong. Church	Palmer Rev. B. A. Fullerton	"
Cong. Church	Rev. Mr. Bixby	"
Cong. Church	Rev. M. L. Richardson	"
Cong. Church	Rev. Edwards	"
Cong. Church	Rev. Joseph Danielson	"

Rev. [illegible] Pastor of Springfield and Rev. Henry M. Dexter Pastor of the [illegible] Church Corp. E. B. [illegible] Church Clerk

Jan 17

Annual Report for 1878

In presenting the Annual Report of this Church for the year now last passed according to the rules of our order, it is not a pleasing address mingled mit joy that I submit the following report of Address in that only a short period has passed since we were united and prosperous Church laboring in union for the advancement of the Redeemers Kingdom among us. Then we were a united Church living and worshiping apart having the appearance of two distinct organizations. But the added feature is that notwithstanding we are as yet all members of the same Church having failed in attempts at separation and in such we should not only regret but reverence such connection yet we are to day maintaining two Communion tables. A part having forsaken their former Church and formed into an assembly of themselves. The reason given that they could not accept the resignation of Rev. Mr. Pierce whom they said was doing a great work here, and unite under the ministrations of another Pastor.

We are glad for a moment at the great work he has accomplished during his pastorate here. When he came to us which was in December of Eighteen hundred and Seventy. Then we were united and happy Church then not having a known germ of discord in the Community, Contrasting this fact with the present condition of the Church. We can indulge in one feature of his work. Another feature of the great work is that during his pastorate there has been nine accessions to the Church. of this number seven were by letter showing a record of only two who have united with the Church on profession of their faith.

Although the outward and Spiritual unity of a Church does not depend wholly upon the Pastor yet much depends upon his Example, labor, and efforts He should be a leader of the flock, a faithful Shepherd.

On the fourth (4) day of last January a Committee

of five (5) were chosen to confer with Rev Mr Pierce and ascertain if possible the cause of the division existing in the Church That committee reported on the [illegible] day of the same month after a careful examination of the case that it was in their opinion advisable for the Vestry to unite with them in calling a mutual Council to advise with them in the same and if found advisable to dissolve the connection. in this the Church was divided and voted Fifty Seven (57) to Twenty Nine (29) not to call a Council.

And on the Sixth (6) day of February a meeting of the Parish (with which the Church is connected) Called and Voted Eleven (11) to Nine (9) to terminate the connection in accordance with the terms of the Settlement: and as a result on the Sixth (6) day of August now last passed his pastoral relation with this Church ceased. Not being satisfied with this termination in October a Communication was received from [illegible] requesting this Church to unite in accordance with the usages of our denomination to unite with them in calling a Council that the pastoral relation might be duly dissolved if by said Council deemed expedient. The Church acceded to his request: a council was duly called and Convened in the Vestry of this Church on the seventh day of November now last passed. and as a result he was dismissed by said Council

It has been said by an Ecclesiastical Council which Convened in the Vestry of this Church (as above referred to) (and three of this Council were members of the Council which settled Mr Pierce) that the Parish superseded the Church in its action by Voting as referred to. Let us criticise the vote and see Of the Eleven who voted to terminate his pastoral relation with the Parish [illegible] were Members of this Church and three of these [illegible] Five of the Nine who voted to retain the Rector were members of this Church [illegible] were not members of said Church. Showing a two thirds vote

of the Church in the Parish for communicating the communion according to the terms of his settlement.

It is a fact worthy of notice that not one of the Officers of the Church followed Mr Pierce or the members who left us. It was said by the former Clerk of this Church in his report for the year 1877. That owing [illegible] publicly known the duties of the Pastor have been [illegible]. We believe that the feeling of jealousy referred to was not jealousy at all but a determination on the part of the minority to defend the Church from the inflowing tide of Liberalism and unitarianism of which this Church was in great danger through the teachings and influence of Mr Pierce. His settlement involved this Church in Calamities which were [illegible] at the time of his removal.

Have we not abundant reason for devout gratitude to God for his dealings with us the past year. Though we have had many trials yet the Lord has blessed us [illegible] We shall we not pray that the Holy Spirit will so endow with gifts and graces every member that every one shall be a perenial spring of religious blessings to every other one and to the whole Community. The Sabbath morning service, and the weekly meetings have been well attended. Death has visited more Christian homes this year than last. Of the five members that have died ~~the past year~~ Mr Wesley Corbin and Wife and Mr Rosario Lombard lived to a ripe old age. Miss Ellen [illegible] and Jane E Pickard were called early in the Saviour's life. They have (as we trust) all this year exchanged the earthly garments of service for the celestial robes of joy. Though we miss their loved greetings yet while sorrowing for these departed ones we rejoice that they have departed to be with Christ which is far better.

[illegible] received letters of dismission & letters

Churches. Forty Eight have received letters of dismission from us and recommended to an ecclesiastical Council, then present to form a new Church to be called the Second Congregational Church in Bloomfield. One has united with us by letter that we now number Seventy Seven who now worship at the Church aside from those whose names have been stricken from the list of this number fifteen are nonresident members

The Benevolent Contributions of this Church for the present Year are for the

American Missionary Association $31.10
American Home Missionary Society 36.10
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions 33.33
Ladies benevolent Society for the Indians and Freedmen for Schools among the Freedmen 87.00
Woman's Missionary Society 25.00
Sabbath School 41.36 374.89

The Sabbath School has been well attended and sustained under the Superintendence of Bro James Red. Brown from the first of last January up to the present & of August at which time Bro Loyal Case with the Board of Deacons and one half of the Officers of the School have set off our School and established one at the West End. Since the latter date Deacon E. S. Hubbard has labored as Superintendent with great proficiency and zeal. From Jan 1st to Aug 1st the penny collection has amounted to $25.83 The average attendance for the first quarter 102 11 for the second Quarter 94. Since Aug 1st & Jan 1st 1879 the penny collection amounted to $35.53 From Aug 1st to October average attendance of the whole School 54 5/7. For last quarter average attendance 60 7/7 which amount of the penny collection for the whole year $41.36

On Motion of Bro James R. Brown

Voted That the Report be received and accepted

E. B. Brown Clerk

1878 –

Continued from page 279

Pursuant to Letters Missive an Ecclesiastical Council convened in the Vestry of the Congregational Church in Brimfield on Thursday Nov. 7th 1878 at 10 o'clock A. M. Rev. William Hyde of Ware was chosen Moderator by ballot and Rev. W. A. Richardson of Sturbridge was chosen Scribe –

Rev Joseph Danielson led in prayer –

The following Pastors and Delegates Constituted the Council

Brimfield	Pastor	Rev. W. K. Pierce
Brookfield East	"	Rev. A. L. Perkins D. D.
Brookfield	"	Rev. E. Stebbins
Palmer	"	Rev. B. K. Pulsifer
Ware	"	Rev. J. E. Forbes
Southbridge	"	Rev. J. Emerson
Sturbridge	"	Rev. A. L. Richardson
Holland	"	Rev. J. Batey
Monson	"	Rev. W. Gladden
—	"	Rev. Samuel Tufts
Palmer	"	Rev. William Hyde
Brookfield	"	Bro. J. M. Brown
Palmer	"	J. G. Gibbetts
Ware	"	A. B. Bliss
Southbridge	"	Bro. S. G. Lane
Sturbridge	"	Henry Haynes
Holland	"	W. A. Webber
Monson	"	Bro. John M. Phipps

Mr Henry F. Brown from the Committee of the Parish read the letter containing the resignation of the Pastor

The Clerk of the Church read the record of the action of the Church upon the letter of resignation

The Clerk of the Parish read the doings of the Parish in regard to the relations of the Pastor & the Society

The Pastor Rev W. K. Pierce, made a Statement of his position and wishes respecting a dismission

The Committee of the

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Parish raised the question whether any civil or Ecclesiastical relation still existed between Rev H. K. Pierce and the Parish, or the Church.

A Second reading of the action of the Parish was called for. and that action was read

Committee of the Parish then read from the decision of Chief Justice Shaw in the "Brookfield Case".

Rev Henry Haynes, [illegible] for the Council again, that from the Counsel which [illegible] about the state of things existing in this Church and Society.

Hope was Expressed that the Scattered elements of the Church might be [illegible] again.

It was proposed that prayer be offered to God, for his blessing to this End. Rev Dr Tuft of Malden was requested by the Moderator to lead in prayer which he did with [illegible] feeling and words.

Discussion followed upon the desirableness of Recording all and hearing all the facts connected with this trouble and separation.

The Committee of the Parish proceeded to lay before the Council some of the facts and reasons upon which the action of the Parish had been based. Also some legal restrictions placed upon the deeds of the Lots, which made them - the deeds - null and void, if Trinitarian Orthodoxy was not preached in the pulpit. Also similar restrictions upon the gifts of Mr Samuel A. Hitchcock to the Parish. Also, legal decision upon the rights of [illegible] Parishes in holding property; and making contracts, including the hiring and paying a Minister.

The Clerk of the Church read the Vote of the Church, expelling the [illegible] Brethren who had taken action from the Church which vote and action of the Church was read and [illegible] to the decision of a Council

It was asked that some Statement should be given from the Church as most of the principles and points already presented, had been from the Parish.

In response Dea Newton S. Hubbard, gave reasons and facts to show why Mr Pierce did not have the confidence of the majority of the Church in regard to his theological belief and doctrine.

Mr Alfred L Converse presented the instruments and action of Mr Pierce from and called for the reading of a Paper, which embodied the feeling of those who supported the Pastor and which had been circulated in the Parish for signatures. This Paper was read by Mr Elijah Allen.

Mr Converse continued gave a somewhat detached account of the facts and Spirit and Character of the difficulties in the Church and Society

Dea Dauphin Brown, gave account of Conversations and opinions bearing upon the questions before the Council

At 1 o'clock it was Voted to adjourn for three Quarters of an hour

The Council reassembled at 2.30 P.M.

The Committee of the Parish, gave a number of reasons for the Pastors dismission, not proper, which were Considered a deviation from Orthodoxy

The Pastor replied to some of the alleged defects of doctrine and life

Mr E H Attwood, being called upon came forward and reviewed the history of the trouble, and stated his own views and feelings in support largely of the Pastors Course

Dea Hubbard defended the action and Standing of the Parish and Minority of the Church

Mr Perkins presented views and facts connected

with the case
Confession of Faith
which was read

On motion of
was Voted That the Council be
After Some deliberation upon the
Council and Expression of opin
Voted. That Dr. N. E. P. Perkins
Fullerton be a Committee
report the result of Council
the Suggestions that had

The Records

This Council with a
sacredness the unity of the Church
purity of the Canon of
unity. do unanimously
result

Final

This Council calls attention
contract under which Mr. Pierce was
and desires to record its protest
of that System in our Congregational Churches
as having a tendency to
of the Christian Ministry

Second

This Council while conceding
Entire Purity of Motive Emphatically disapproves
of the action of the Parish in taking
of the Church or withholding
power to terminate its relation

Third

But in view of action previously had by
the Church and Parish we recognize the fact that
it is no longer
declare the Ecclesiastical Relation to be hereby
dissolved

Fourth The question of Mr. Pierce's Sanctification doctrine having been raised, which we find he may have misunderstood in his method of presenting truth, & from his explanations & from subsequent declarations we believe him to be in substantial accord with our doctrinal Standard of our denomination. Further, we are happy to bear cordial testimony to his undisputed integrity and purity of life, and to his Christian Character

Fifth We earnestly deprecate the Step already taken, tending to permanent division of this Church and Congregation, and we believe that with a due Spirit of mutual Concession and Forbearance the division need not be consummated As a means of preventing this result We recommend that the two Congregations now worshiping apart unite under the Ministrations of Mr. Pierce in this house for one year from this date

And finally The Council earnestly invokes the blessing of the Great Head of the Church, and presence of the Spirit to guide all concerned to wise, prayerful promote the harmony of this Church

Voted To approve the record of the Council and that it be authorized & made complete.

Voted That after the public reading of the result of Council the Council be dissolved.

(Signed) William Hyde
Moderator
N. L. Richardson
Scribe

Brimfield Nov 7 1878

Dec 25

The 2nd Congregational Church Sincerely regretting that any member of the Church & Congregation have withdrawn to worship elsewhere, and feeling to bury all past differences, desire to unite once more in worshiping in the place where our Fathers & ourselves have been accustomed with God, and each other.

We deplore this division because we are not sufficiently numerous to render necessary the existance of two religious bodies of the same order,

Because it tends to interrupt the social harmony which has been so pleasant in the past.

Because it tends to injure that fellowship which should characterize us as christian brethren.

And especially because it tends to bring dishonor and reproach upon the cause of our Common Lord and Savior.

The Church meeting it was Voted unanimously to Extend a cordial invitation to Each and all who have withdrawn & returned and unite with us under the Ministrations of Some one whereby We can all join, and once more be a prosperous united and happy Church and Community. — — — — —

After the above, a Committee was chosen to confer with a Committee of those who have withdrawn, but could make no satisfactory arrangement—

The Committee of the Church are, Viz"

Deacon Solomon Kemp, Dea Newton J. Eastwood, Dea James J. Blair. Bro's Willard K. Sherman and James C. Brown.

Committee of those who have withdrawn are Viz:

Bro's T. R. Bowers Elijah Flint George H. Holcomb. Emory Loveman and A. Read. Brown.

Att. E. J. Brown Clerk

Jan 4

At a Regular Meeting of the Church held on Saturday Evening at P. Newton's Brethren Hubbard was chosen Moderator And the following business was transacted.

It was Voted

To choose a Clerk and Treasurer for the Year Ensuing. And Edward B. Brown was chosen Clerk Bro. James T. Blair was chosen Treasurer.

On Motion of Bro James T. Blair

Voted. That there be a Committee of three chosen to Revise the Standing rules of the Church.

Voted. That the three Deacons of this Church Dawshin. Brown. Newton. S. Hubbard. and James T. Blair be that Committee.

On Motion of Bro James T. Brown

Voted — That when this meeting is adjourned it adjourn to two weeks from Yesterday Friday at two o'clock PM in the Lecture room.

Voted. That this meeting be now adjourned

Attest.

E. B. Brown — Clerk.

At an Adjourned Annual Meeting of the Church held at the Ladies Parlor on Friday January 17th 1819

The Committee chosen at the Annual Meeting for the revising of the Standing Rules of this Church reported. And it was

Voted. That the Report be recommitted to the Committee with instructions to search the old Records of this Church and report two weeks from Today

The Annual Report of the Church for the

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one Eighteen hundred and Seventy Eight- was presented by the Clerk. and on Motion of J. T. Brown it was.

Voted. That the Report be accepted and recorded upon the Church records.

Voted. That a paper presented by Deacon Hubbard. be accepted and recorded.

Voted.

That this meeting be adjourned two weeks.

The Adjourned Annual Meeting of the Church held on the 31st of Jan. 1879

The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro Marcus Hitchcock

On Motion of Bro James. T. Brown Voted

To reorganize the Benevolent-Societies

Officers.

Pres. Dea. G. L. Blair
Vice " s Bro M. M. Corbin
Bro E. C. Marsh
Sec and Treas. " W. M. Sherman
Auditing Com. " J. T. Brown
" E. B. Brown

On Motion of Dea Brown it was Voted-

That the report of the Secretary be accepted and adopted

Voted. - To hear the report of the Committee chosen at a former meeting upon the Standing rules of the Church.

Voted. That when this meeting adjourn We adjourn to the second day of March at Three o'clock P.M.

Voted. To fill the Vacancies of the Church and Marcus Hitchcock and H. H. Corbin was ch

Voted. That this meeting be now adjourned

Attest. Edward J Irwin. Clerk

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At the adjourned Annual meeting of the Church held on the following [illegible]

On motion of Bro C. B. [illegible]
Voted to accept the report of the Committee to revise the Standing rules of the Church.

On Motion of Bro Barnes & Brown it was Voted

That the Clerk be instructed to place the Rules of the Church as reported by the Committee on the Church records.

[illegible] viz—

Section 1st Officers of the Church.

The Officers of the Church shall be a Clerk, Treasurer & Auditor. Also four Deacons, and a Committee of seven one of whom shall be the Pastor or Stated Supply. These Officers shall be chosen by ballot.

The Clerk, Treasurer, and Auditor shall be chosen at Each Annual Meeting. Any vacancy may be filled at any Annual Church meeting, notice having been given of the same at least two Weeks previously. It is desirable and is Recommended that Every Male member of the Church over Twenty one Years of age should be a member of the Parish.

Sec. 2nd Admission of Members

Application for Church membership either by letter or upon profession must be made to the Examining Committee: [illegible] members of the Church [illegible] to participate in the Examination—

The applicants who are approved by the Committee must be presented to the Church and Congregation on the Sunday two weeks preceding the Communion

The Church shall pass upon [illegible] at the next ensuing meeting, and the persons [illegible] upon [illegible] their public [illegible] to the Covenant of the Church.

Sec 3. Church Discipline.

Art. 1. In order to promote the order and purity of the Church, the rules laid down in Matt. 18: 15-18 shall be faithfully observed.

Art. 2. The absence of resident members from communion for one year without sufficient reasons to be approved or assigned, and of non-resident members for two years without such reasons shall constitute a cause for bringing the question of their standing before the Church, which question shall then be decided upon its own merits

Sec 4. Meetings.

Art. 1. The Church shall hold an Annual Meeting on the Thursday next preceding the first Sabbath in January at which time the rules shall be read and a report of the moral state and condition of the Church presented by the Pastor or Clerk of the Church.

Art. 2. There shall be a meeting for the transaction of any business at [illegible] every Preparatory Lecture.

Sec 5. Lord's Supper

This ordinance preceded by a Preparatory Lecture, shall be observed on the first Sabbath in January, March, May, July, September and November.

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Sec 6th Dismission.

Requests for dismission may be asked on any Sunday morning provided such request be read at a Church meeting at least two weeks previously, Second. That whenever anyone having any objections, and having given notice of the same to the Clerk or Church Committee a special meting shall be called to consider the same.

Sec 7th Changes.

These rules may be altered at any [illegible] of the Church.

Attest — Edward B. Brown, Church Clerk

A paper showing a vote of the Parish, presented to the Church May 1st.

At a meting of the First Parish or Congregational Society for Religious worship in Brimfield held on Monday April 21st 1879.

The following vote was passed viz) Voted That an invitation be extended to the Church connected with this Parish to Choose a Committee to Co-operate with the Parish Committee in supply of the Pulpit, and other matters of interest to the Parish and Church.

Attest. Henry F. Brown. Parish Clerk

To First Congregational Church in Brimfield

The above invitation was accepted, and Bro David W. Jones and Bro Moses B. Blair were chosen that Committee

Attest — E. B. Brown Church Clerk

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Oct 12th

Voted. That Bro James T. Brown represent this Church at the Sabbath School convention to be held at Springfield on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Oct 15th and 16th.

Oct 9th

Voted. That Esq James S. Blair be a delegate to attend the Brookfield Conference to be held at North Brookfield on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week Oct 21st and 22d.

Nov 1st

At a business meeting of this Church—
Bro James T. Brown was chosen Moderator of this meeting and the following business was done.

Whereas— The Rev Doane R. Atkins has for nearly two months last acceptably discharged the duties of Pastor for this Church and Parish and Whereas we believe it to be desirable and expedient to retain him as our Pastor therefor.

Vote.

That the Rev Doane R. Atkins be invited to become Pastor of this Church

Voted That a committee of three be chosen to inform the Parish of the action of the Church and request them to take action in the premises.

Voted. That Deacon James S. Blair and Bro's William H. Shannon and David W. James be that committee.

On Motion of Deacon Hubbard it was

Voted. That this meeting be now dissolved.

Attest Edward B. Brown Church Clerk.

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Annual Report For 1879

Four of our number have died the past year Viz Deacon Solomon Homer. Mr. Hezekiah Fish. Mr. Henry Hyer and Mr Charles H. Foster. There has been no accessions Either upon profession or by letter during the Year. And we now number four less than last Year, 130 in all 33 males and 97 females. From this number deduct those who went out from us to form a new Church and we have 82 our present number.

The Church has sustained a loss similar to that of all Churches without pastors. For a greater part of the year we have had a vacancy from the first of March to the first of September the Rev Smith Norton labored among us. manifesting an interest in this Church and people. And it was a feeling of regret to all that His stay among us was so soon to terminate.

A kind providence has been about us and we were not left long without a leader.

In the providence of God the Rev Doane R Atkinson came near, and has consented to accept the pastorate of this church. The attendance at the Sabbath Services has been uniformly small but as large as could be expected under our present circumstances

There has been a lively interest manifested in the Sabbath School and the penny collections have been a good average

Our benevolent contributions to the leading benevolent Societies for the past Year. have been to the American Home Missionary Society $37.60 to A.B. C.F.M. 32.30 to American Missionary Association 2.64 Ladies Benevolent Society 27.65. Young Ladies Mission Circle 23.46 Expenses 1.00 Total 55.11) Womens Missionary Society 22.30

Total - - - - - - - - - - $237.87

Clerk Edward B Brown

Voted To attend the Annual meeting of the Brookfield Conference to be held at West Brookfield June 9 & 10 and [illegible] Corbin was chosen a delegate.

Voted To attend the installation of Rev S. P. Wilder as Pastor of First Congregational Church in North Brookfield and Rev Caroline Brown was chosen delegate

Voted [illegible] to the South Church Bridgeport Ct. to Mrs Delia S. Warner

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June 1st

At the Annual business meeting of this Church the Rev Doane R Atkins was chosen Moderator. The reports of Clerk and Treasurer were called for and given.

Voted. That the report of the Clerk be accepted and recorded.

Voted. That the report of the Treasurer be accepted

Voted. That the Treasurer be instructed to invite Each member of the Church to pay the sum of twenty five cents.

Voted. That it is the sense of this meeting. that it is desirable to take steps to procure new Hymn Books different from the books now in use

On Motion of Mr Marsh
Voted. That the choice of Officers be passed over

Voted That this meeting be now dissolved.

Feb 22

The Church received an invitation to attend Local Conference with the Cong[l] Church in Warren

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Pastor and delegate and some Eighteen others, members of this Church attended Local Conference with the Cong[l] Church in Warren

March 18th

A Local Conference was held with this Church, with the following Churches represented Holland, Rev S Bixby Pastor. Monson, by Rev Mr Tufts. Hinsdale. Palmer. Warren, Rev Geo F Forbes Pastor. West Warren, Rev A H Jones Pastor. The attendance was large. The meetings were interesting.

[illegible] What can we do for Common Good, by a Sermon on the text 2nd Samuel 18th-29th. At the Evening [illegible] on Christian Life. The Subject [illegible] Conversion, How to [illegible]

make the Bible more helpful to Christian living. Was opened by Rev A. W. Jones. The discussion following was sustained, and considered profitable.

June 6th Voted - To attend the Annual Meeting of the Brookfield Conference at the Congl Church in Brookfield on the 20th inst. and that Rev A. W. Jones be invited to preach the Conference Sermon.

20 Voted - To adjourn to meet at the Congl Church in Brookfield on the 20th inst. and that Rev A. W. Jones be invited to preach the Conference Sermon. Dea Dan'l Brown was chosen a delegate.

July 3rd Voted - The Church voted a letter of dismission & recommendation to Mrs Linda A. Warner to the Second Congl Church in Bridgeport Ct

July 3rd At a meeting of the Church this day after Preparatory Lecture Rev E. R. Atkins moderator, a committee was chosen to confer with absent Members, to report at a meeting to be held after the next Preparation Lecture.

Voted. That the Pastor, and the three Deacons be this Committee.

Edward B. Brown Church Clerk

July 5th At a meeting of the Church, held by adjournment, Dea Dan'l Brown, and Edward B. Brown, with the Pastor.

The Committee chosen at a previous meeting to correspond with absent members of this Church in regard to their connection with the Church, reported. Which report was accepted. After which it was Voted to refer it back to the Committee, with instructions to call a meeting of the Church

Voted. That this meeting be now adjourned

Edgar P Lincoln Clerk Pro Tem

Oct 24th Voted. To accept the invitation of the Congl Church in Thomaston by Pastor and delegate on Thursday Oct 28th to assist in the Ordination of Mr Charles Pickett acting pastor of that Church. Brother Moses K. Corbin was chosen our delegate.

Voted. That a meeting of the Brookfield Conference be held at West Warren on Tuesday the 26th of Oct. Dea Daniel Brown was chosen a delegate to represent this Church.

Attest Edward B. Brown Church Clerk

Annual Report for 188[illegible]

Another Year has now closed, bringing to mind the rapid flight of time and Change. The [illegible] God [illegible] in [illegible] have [illegible] some reason for devout gratitude.
But the [illegible] passed without causing it necessary for us to record the death of some of our number. Although death has not made such diminution in our membership as in some former Years.
Three of our members have been removed by death viz, Mrs Miner H. Corbin, Mrs Harvey Fenton and Mrs Cheney Slander. Mrs Corbin was taken from us in the midst of her usefulness, causing a sad loss to both the Church and her family. Her devotion to the cause of Christ and Faith in her Savior, were always visible. She was received to our membership by letter from the Church in West Stafford Ct on the twentyninth 29, of October Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Eight (1868), and died on the Second of July [illegible] of many [illegible].
Mrs Fenton died on the sixteenth of September [illegible] membership of [illegible] Mrs Fenton had been characterized by a most earnest type of piety. She cherished constantly a prayerful desire for the conversion of her Children and Others. Her usefulness was impaired and her mind clouded in her latter years by disease. But as the end drew near reason seemed to return. And her friends are glad to believe that she was supported in her last hours by her former Christian faith.
Mrs Slander after a long and useful life died instantly December twentieth while in the possession of all her faculties and in the midst of active duty. Her profession had been Consistent and uniform. She was esteemed and beloved for her many Excellent Virtues by her fellow Christians as she well deserved to be. She was the oldest member of the Church having reached the age of Eighty Nine (89) And died after a Connection of Sixty one Consecutive Years with this Church.

One of our number Mrs Delia T Warner has taken a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Second Cong[l] Church in Bridgeport Ct. So that our membership is reduced in consequence of death and dismission by four. On the other hand the additions to the Church have been Eight. This number of accessions is larger than that of any other year since the close of Rev D[r] Ide's Pastorate here. Not in only two other years for the last twenty years have so many been added to this Church by profession, as have united by profession since the first of January last. The increase of membership for the past Year has been greater than the whole number added previously since Eighteen hundred and twenty four

For several Years the neighboring Churches with the Exception of two or three have seemed to hold themselves somewhat aloof from intimacy with this Church the Cause of which was seen due no doubt to our weak discipline

But within the past Year a noticable change has occured [illegible] sympathy, and hearty Cooperation of all the Churches, not only in this Association but of the Churches generally.

Again we have reason to be encouraged in view of our increasing Charities. The year may have probably been as favorable, and occasion some disappointment. The items are as follows

Viz To the A.B.C.F.M. $100.00 to the A.H.B.S. 38.86 A.M.A. 39.76 To the Womens H.M.A. 10.00 From the Ladies for a Missionary in Michigan 56.50 For the Colored Refugees 35.53 Miscellaneous Con[l] Total $260.15 This shows an increase over the preceding year of $13.32 This report is the more worthy of notice since a number of unusual Expenses have been incurred by the people of the [illegible] Church during the year. The house has been furnished with two Furnace stoves at a cost of [illegible] and new [illegible] and [illegible] 30.

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Annual Meeting 1880

Dec. 31 At the annual business meeting of the Church, held this day after the Preparatory Lecture, Dea. H. S. Hubbard was chosen moderator. The clerk read the above report for the year. The Treas. Dea. J. S. Blair made a report of the finances of the Church. Voted to tender to Mrs. James M. Crane the thanks of this church for His aid in altering and improving the house of Worship and for furnishing a new and handsome desk & pulpit furniture.

Vote. Voted to proceed to election of officers for the ensuing year.

Election. D. R. Atkins was chosen clerk
J. S. Blair " " Treasurer
J. T. Brower " " Auditor.

Vote. Voted to change the day of the annual meeting from Thurs. next preceding the first Sunday in Jany, to Friday " " " " " " in Jany.

Vote. Voted to refer the report on Absent Members back to the committee, with instruction to make further inquiry.

D. R. Atkins, Clerk

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Death. Feby. 15. Sr. M. Harvey Smith (Annie F.) died at the age of seventy three years having been a member of this Church twenty years.
D. R. Atkins, Clerk.

Vote, on Dismission. Feby. 27. Mr & Mrs. Samuel H. Brown were this day dismissed and recommended to the Second Cong. Ch. in Palmer, Mass.
D. R. Atkins, Clerk.

Admission. May 1. Mr. Arthur M. Colbath and Mrs. Mary E. Cunham were received into membership on profession of their faith.
D. R. Atkins, Clerk.

Report Mar. 3 Report of Committee on Absent Members.

Your committee report as follows.

We examined the roll of this church and found that twenty of the members were non resident. The committee deemed it wise to write to ten of them. Of these ten three have failed to reply. One of the three is John Newton of Spencer, Mass. The committee recommend that in view of his long continued delinquency and lack of interest in religious things his name be dropped from the roll. Mr. Wm. W. Griggs and wife of Monmouth, Ill. also have failed to make an answer to our inquiry. Ella G. Griggs has been dismissed. Emma Hair, Mrs. Chas. D. Griggs, Mrs. Seth V. Smith, Ruth Sherman, Elias L. Swan and wife all wish to have their names remain on the roll of this Church. Of the other ten non resident members at the time the committee was appointed Mr. and Mrs. Sam'l H. Brown have been recently dismissed. Mrs. Eva Parker has lately returned to Springfield. Mr. Sardon ori Youchi is but temporarily located. Nancy Rec'd. Hackmore, Lydia Hubbard, Sarah Lambard are aged and infirm and the members of the committee are morally certain that neither of them would wish to take a letter to some other church. Mrs. D. Paige and Mrs. E. Wilkinson are known to prefer having their names remain where they now are. There is no report to make of Agnes C. Bullard, inasmuch as we have not ascertained what her present place of residence is. Though inquiry respecting her has been made in various directions. The committee has also

Report. carefully considered the propriety and wisdom of entering into correspondence with members of this church who attend meeting on the Sabbath at the town hall. And we are agreed that while it is perfectly lawful to ask any and all absentees to give suitable reasons for their absence, it is not expedient at this time to run any serious risks. Hence we have refrained from questioning those members of this church who took letters about two years and a half ago for the purpose of organizing a second Cong. Church in this town and failed to use them. Nor have we corresponded with members of the church who sympathize with them and aid them. For, however kind and scriptural might be our intentions, there was such a liability to be misunderstood, and to be misrepresented, by some, if not by the majority, that we deemed it injudicious to correspond with them on the subject of their absence. We think that since it is the aim of the church to deal with all its members in the spirit of Christian love, that if we err at all we had better err in the line of forbearance. This also seems to be the feeling of the larger number of those whom we represent. In view of these reasons the committee have considered it best to wait still longer before taking action, and suggest that nothing be done which shall disturb our own harmony. And we take the stronger ground in favor of exercising charity and patience since such a course is recommended by men of Christian character and wide observation in other places.

Members of the Brookfield Association of Ministers think it would be doubtful policy to make a move which may not unlikely cause a division in our own ranks. Pres. Seelye, Drs. Dexter, Buckingham, and other eminent divines advise the church to be silent for the present, bearing her misfortunes out of regard for the highest good of all the members.

Believing ourselves that forbearance, Christian kindness and a peaceable spirit will promote the moral and religious welfare of this whole community, we submit the foregoing as our report and commend all the

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members of this church to the guidance of the master.

D. R. Atkins
Dauphin Brown
Newton S. Hubbard
James S. Blair
} Committee.

The above was submitted to the church at a regular church meeting held Thursday afternoon, Mar. 3, after Preparatory Lecture, of which Wm H. Sherman was moderator. It was also accepted and adopted by vote of the Church. The clerk copied it some weeks later into these records.

D. R. Atkins, Clerk.

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Vote for Delegate

June, 12. Deac. James S. Blair was chosen a delegate to attend the annual meeting of Brookfield Association-al Conference at No. Brookfield, with the First Ch., on the 14th and 15th inst.

D. R. Atkins. Clerk.

Vote "

July 1. At a regular meeting of the church, held after Preparatory Lecture July 1, 1881, it was voted to refer the request of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred L. Converse & letters to the standing committee of the Church.

D. R. Atkins. Clerk.

Vote for Delegate

July 3. By vote of the Church Sunday July 3, 1881, Wm H. Sherman was chosen delegate to attend the council, called by 2nd Cong. Church in Palmer to act upon the resignation of Rev. B. M. Fullerton.

D. R. Atkins. Clerk.

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Vote on Letter

July 23. At a special meeting of the Church held in the Ladies Parlor this afternoon Bro. Wm H. Sherman was chosen moderator. The pastor led in prayer. The Committee of the Church reported through the pastor what had been done respecting the request of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Converse. A letter for Mr. Converse was presented as the committee's views of his standing, and it was voted without dissent to send him such a letter. A letter for Mrs. Converse was also voted upon in the same way. Voted to adjourn.

D. R. Atkins, Clerk.

The following are copies of the letters alluded

~~to~~ in the above minute.

Letter sent to Mr. A. L. Converse.

The Cong. Church in Brimfield, Mass.
to the Cong. Church in Warren, Mass, Greeting.

This is to certify that Mr. Alfred L. Converse united with this Church in May 1869, and was in good and regular standing until Oct. 25, 1878. On that date the Church voted to give him a letter at his own request, recommending him to a council called for the purpose of organizing a Second Cong. Church in Brimfield, Mass.

No council has ever been convened, such a Church, and Mr. Converse has not used the letter which this Church voted him. Neither has he returned that letter, nor has he attended service at the Church on the Sabbath for more than five and a half years, nor has he been present at our communion for the same length of time. Nor has he ever made any apology to this Church for his continued absence. He has attended ~~church at~~ service at the town hall on the Sabbath, and has exerted his influence to the injury of this Church, & now asks for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Cong. Church in Warren and we in conformity with the truth and in the exercise of a conscientious sense of justice give him the above statement of facts, with which he will be dismissed from us when he shall be accepted by you. So soon as we shall have been informed that he ~~has~~ is received into your fellowship his membership with us will cease.

By Vote of the Church, July 23, 1881.

Doane K. Atkins, Pastor in charge, and Clerk.

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Copy of letter sent to Mrs. Almira C. Converse.

The Cong. Church in Brimfield to the Cong. Church in Warren, Mass, Greeting.

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This is to certify that Alfred S. Converse is a member of the Cong. Church in Springfield Mass., who for ~~[illegible]~~ reasons not given has been absent from our communion, and from our services on the Sabbath for more than two years and a half. She is now dismissed at her own request. With this statement that aside from the absence here alluded to she is in good and regular standing, and we consider her worthy of a cordial reception by you.

When we shall have been informed that she is received into membership with you her membership with us will cease.

By vote of the Church, July 23, 1881.
D. R. Attins, Pastor in charge and Clerk.

Aug. 1881. Mr. Alfred S. Converse returned the letter, which the Church voted to give him on Saturday July 23rd and informed the Clerk that he declines to accept and use it. This he did, Thurs., Aug. 25, 1881.

Sept. 3.

At a regular church meeting held after the preparatory lecture this afternoon, Bro. Wm H. Sherman was chosen moderator. Mrs. Lucy A. C. Newton was received by letter from the Methodist E. Church in West Brookfield.

Letter of dismission

The question of dropping the name of Mr. A. S. Converse from the roll was discussed and referred to the standing committee of the church.

Voted to adjourn for three weeks, to meet on Sat. Sept. 24 at two o'clock P.M. D. R. Attins, Clerk.

Septem. 24. At an adjourned meeting of the ch. held in the Ladies' Parlor this P.M. at 2 o'clock, Bro. J. T. Brown was chosen moderator. The pastor led in prayer. The committee having in charge the case of Mr. A. S. Converse, reported by presenting a letter which they recommend be sent to Mr. Converse of the intention of the

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(in accordance with Section 2 Article 2 Standing Rules) of the Church to drop his name from the roll. The report was adopted and the letter was left in the hands of the Pastor to send to Mr Conner.

Rev Daan R. Atkins being about leaving to take charge of a Church at Custer City Da resigned the office of Clerk, which was accep

An election for Clerk resulted in the choi of James D. Brown

Adjourned
James D. Brown Clerk

Oct 20th

No response having been receive from Mr Alfred L Conner he was this day notified that his name has been drop from the Church Roll (in accordance with vote of Church Sept 24th)

James D. Brown Clerk

Dec 31

At the annual busines meeting held this day Bro. Dauphin Brown was chosen Moderator the Clerk reported Admissions to the Church du the year three (3) dismissions to other Churc three (3) Deaths two (2) dropped from Chur roll one (1)

The treasurer made a partial report and it was voted that he complete his report in time for the next meeting.

Voted to proceed to the choice of officers for the year ensuing and officers were elected as fo

For Clerk James D. Brown
" Treasurer James L. Blair
" Collector Miner H. Carter

Voted to change the rule in regard to time of hold the annual meeting so that it shall be as follows The Church shall hold an annual meeting during each year during the last Sabbath in January

Adjourned J. D. Brown Clerk

Vote of Church for Pastor

Brimfield Jany 24th

At a meeting of the Church held this day business was transacted as follows Meeting called to order by the clerk Bro C. S. Hubbard was chosen moderator Prayer was offered by Marcus Whitcomb

It was moved and voted that an informal ballot be taken to indicate the preference of the members of the Church in regard to the different candidates who have preached for us since the dismissal of Rev Mr Atkins

Result of informal ballot Whole no of votes 15

of which Rev Mr Byington had	1	
" " Saunders "	1	
a new man "	1	
Rev S. V. McDuffee "	12	15

It was then moved and voted that a formal ballot be taken which resulted as follows Whole no of votes 13

of which Rev Mr Byington had	1	
" S.V. McDuffee "	12 =	13

It was then moved and voted that a committee of three be chosen to inform the committee of the Parish of the foregoing vote and request them to call a meeting of the Parish to take action in regard to the same

Committee Bro James S. Blair
Wm H. Thomas
Miner H. Corbin

The meeting was then adjourned

James D. Brown Clerk

March 4th

At a business meeting of the Church (after the preaching lecture) held this day Rev S. V. McDuffee presiding it was voted to receive Mr Charles H. Cooper as a member of this Church on letter of recommendation from Calvary Baptist Church Washington D.C. "Samuel H. Greene Pastor" The same having been read two weeks previous

James D. Brown Clerk

1882

May 7 — Oscar B. Hale
was received into Membership on profession of faith

July 2 — Rev S. V. McDuffee
Was received into Membership on recommendation from the 2nd Cong. Church of Kennebunk N. H.

Mrs. Mary A. McDuffee
was received into Membership on recommendation from the Hammond St. Cong. Church Bangor Me

Sept 3 — Thomas E. Bliss and Miss Rebecca Choate Bliss were this day received into Membership on profession of faith

Nov 5 — Morris L. Miner
Was received into Membership on recommendation from Meth. M. E. Church Jacksonville Florida

George E. Lamphear
Was received into Membership on profession of faith

Dec 28 — At a meeting of the Church after the Prayer Meeting, it was voted that a Letter of Dismission and Recommendation be granted Mrs E. A. C. Newton to the Methodist Episcopal Church in Warren

James L. Brown Clerk

The Contributions during the year have been as follows

From Ladies Benevolent Society in aid of Home Missions (Home Missionary's family)	60.00
From Woman's Miss Society Foreign Missions	25.00
Collections in Church and by solicitors	
For Foreign Missions	3.11
" Home "	34.09
" Am. Miss. Society	37.54

1883

At Church meeting held Janry 5th after the preparatory Lecture by the Rev Mr Duffee Moderator it was voted to pass over the choice of officers

The Clerk reported whole number of
Male members 28 " "
female " 59 total 87
deduct from the above non residents 21
leaving as resident members 66
There have been additions during the year
by profession 1 by letter 1 total 2
Removals during the year by death 1
by dismission 1 total 2

The treasurer reported the financial condition of the Church showing an indebtedness of one dollar and sixty five cents ($1.65)

Voted to assess a tax of twenty four cents on each member of the Church

Our Pastor Brother Mc Duffee made the following annual report
A year has passed since I became your minister in the Gospel of Christ
During these twelve months I think I may say our relations as pastor and people has been pleasant and not altogether unfruitful. Peace and good feeling has prevailed in our Church and Parish. Our sabbath congregations have remained about the same through out the year and the weekly prayer meeting has been fairly attended. While there has been no special religious interest Christians have rejoiced in the truth and made

progress we may look for in the good way.
Only one member has died during the year
but three have been received. Last Feb 16th the
Semi Annual meeting of the Brookfield
Association Conference of Churches met with
us holding two days. The weather was
favorable and the Churches were well rep
resented. About twenty five were in attendance
the first day. Besides our own people most
about forty remained over night.
The Ladies served dinner on the second both
days and tea the first day.
The gathering was considered profitable
and enjoyable. Looking over the past
year we have much to be grateful for.
We are now facing the new year and
it becomes both pastor and people to
go forward in our work with renewed
faith in God and with greater zeal and
fidelity in his service, remembering
that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Adjourned

James D. Brown. Clerk

There were contributions during 1882 to the following objects viz

To Home Missions	34.44
" Am. Miss Association	34.29
" Foreign Miss	38.41

April 29 Voted that a letter of dismission from this Church and recommendation to the Cong'l Church in Glencoe Illinois be granted to Mrs Sarah E. Day.

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Sept 2 — Mrs Sophia Kennedy Sutcliffe was this day received into Membership on profession of faith

" 30 — Voted that a letter of dismission and recommendation be granted to Mr Charles H. Cooper to the Cong. Church in Northfield Minnesota

Dismission — Voted that a letter of dismission and recommendation be granted Mr Morris L. Miner to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bondsville Mass

Nov 4 — Mrs Catharine Upham (Mrs Laurence) and Miss Lucy Jane Upham (her daughter) were this day received into membership with this church by letter & Certificate from "The Evangelical Congregational Church of Brookfield"

Annual Meeting — January 4th 1884
At the annual meeting of the Church held this day Rev S. V. McDuffee Moderator business was transacted as follows

Pastors Report — Report by Pastor read and accepted

Treasurers Report — Treasurers report showing previous indebtedness of one dollar and sixty five cents 1.65

Expenditures during the year
For Lent to Gun Association 2.40
" Supplies of Communion table and Care of Service 5.00
total 9.05
Received from 19 members 25 Each 4.75
amt paid out over receipts 4.30

The following Officers were Chosen for 1 year
For Clerk James T. Brown
" Treasurer James S. Blair
" Auditor Minor H. Corbin

Annual Meting Continued 1884

It was moved by Bro. J. B. Blair and Voted to hold an Election at the next regular meting for a Deacon there being one less than the number allowed by the Church Rules

The following Contributions have been reported by benevolent organizations connected with the Church for the year 1883

For Home Missions			34.05
" Foreign "		39.59	
" " " Womans Board		31.00	70.59
" Am. Miss. Association			34.74
			139.38
From Ladies Benevolent Society, to Home Missions in addition to above total reported			82.74
			$222.12

Pastors Report

While regretting as pastor and people that we have not been more faithful and earnest in our work for the Master we would express our gratitude to God that his gracious, present and manifold favors have not been withdrawn from us—

Whatever efforts we have made to do his will, he has graciously crowned them not always according to our chosen plans—

At the beginning of the year a proposition was made by the pastor of this Church to the people worshiping at the Town Hall that union meting be held during the Week of Prayer - Which was accepted.

Six evening metings were held. three with us and three at the Hall. These meting were largely attended and quite generally endorsed and enjoyed by the Community

At the last of these metings the pastor of this Church read a printed sermon (about one hundred and fifty copies of which

were distributed to the congregation at the close of the meeting) setting forth the desirability and possibility of uniting the two bodies— But certain members from the Hall church were active in opposition to such a movement and giving among other reasons against it that there was a difference in the views of faith held by the two such as to make it undesirable and that in their opinion it would not be beneficial—

And it is but just to place on record that the continuance of this unhappy division with all its attendant evils is due not to any lack of Christian effort on the part of this church and its pastor in holding out the Olive branch of peace and goodwill— and in bridging over existing difficulties and differences—

During the year the attendance upon the Sabbath morning service has been fully equal to that of last year— The meeting Sabbath evening and the social prayer meeting on Thursday Evening, have not always been as well attended as we have desired and yet perhaps our people have attended these meetings whenever circumstances permitted—

We have had no marked religious interest during the year— A few extra meetings were held in November under the lead of Rev Mr Sanderson of Warren, and a few of the young people, we hope, have entered upon the new life—

A Monday evening meeting for Bible study designed for the young people has lately been started with encouraging signs of usefulness

During the year there have been added to our membership, one by profession and two by letter

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three have been removed one by death two by dismissal to other Churches— The Sabbath School has been prosperous with an average attendance of fifty four— What changes the year upon which we have just entered may bring to us. we know not. Possibly some of our loved and honored members may take up their abode elsewhere— this is anticipated— though the thought of their removal grieves us, our prayer to God in regard to this as in all other things shall be "not my will but thine be done"

A true record
James R. Brown Clk

Mar 1st Meeting called to order by Clerk and as the day was stormy and but few present it was moved that the special business (the choice of a deacon) be postponed to the next regular meeting.

Adjourned
James R. Brown Clk

May 3 At the regular meeting of the Church after the usual opening Rev. T. S. Hubbard was chosen Moderator

It was moved by Deacon J. S. Blair that we proceed to take an informal ballot for a deacon

Voted and the result was Whole no of ballots 29

of which	Mr. H. Corbin had	2
	Edward B. Brown "	2
	David W. James "	5
	James R. Brown "	6
	Wm. H. Sherman "	14
		29

Voted to proceed to a formal ballot

over

Result of ballat Whole number of vote 29
of Which Wm H. Sherman had 22 and was elected

It was moved by Edward B. Brown that we
choose another deacon

Voted The result of the ballat was whole number 29
of which David W. James had 22 and was elected

Voted That Olive Josephine Hale be received as a
member of this Church on profession
of faith

Voted That Etta I. Perry be received as a member of
this Church on profession of faith

An Expression of the wishes of the members present
in regard to the Rev Joseph Kyle being called
for it was moved by Dea J. S. Blair that
he be invited to become our pastor
and a vote by rising was called for
Result of vote between 30 and 40 voted for the
motion and none against it

Voted That the Clerk be instructed to notify the
Parish Committee of the above vote and
request them to bring the subject before
the Parish for action as soon as possible

Adjourned

James I. Brown
Clerk

May 4 At the Communion service this day -
Miss Olive J. Hale and
" Etta I. Perry were received as
members of this Church

James I. Brown
Clerk

June 13 Letters of dismission from this Church and recommendation to the 1st Congl Church at Orange City Florida were this day sent to Rev S. T. Mc Duffee and Mrs Mary A Mc Duffee in accordance with the vote of the Church

J. T. Brown Clerk

Nov 2 At Communion Service this day Mrs Caroline R. Hale was received as a member of this Church on letter of recommendation from 1st Church Winchendon Mass

J. T. Brown Clerk

Dec 31

Benevolent Contributions from Sabbath School			
To Cong. Publishing Society		$16,67	
For New Morning Star		8.25	
" Sabbath School work in the State		3.00	
" " " " " Dakota		5.00	$32.92
By Ladies Benevolent Society			
To Womans Home Miss. Association		18.00	
" Poor in town		31.60	49.60
Contributions to Home Missions			39,38
" " Foreign "			36,91
" Wom's Miss. Soc. " "			22,00
" to American Missionary Association			38,01
" 2 Bbls Clothing sent School at Tuskegee Ala			57,00
			$270,82

1885

Jany 3 At the Annual Meeting of the Church held this day business was transacted as follows

Officers for year ensuing were chosen as follows

Choice of officers

for Moderator Rev Joseph Byte

" Clerk James T. Brown

" Treasurer James S. Blair

Report

The Clerk reported present Membership to the

Whole number at commencement of year 87

of which non resident numbered 21

leaving resident members 66

Admissions during the year by profession 2

" letter 1

3

Dismissed to other Churches 2

Died 1

3

leaving the membership the same 87

of which the non resident number 21

leaving resident members the same as before 66

The Treasurer report as shown from his book (he being absent) that there is due the Treasurer for cash advanced six 55/100 dollars $6.55

Collection for Church Expenses

Voted that a collection be taken after each Communion service to discharge the present debt and to provide for regular Church expenses in the future - it being understood that when a sufficient amount has accumulated the collection may be suspended

Recommendation for admission

A letter dated Oct 12th 1884 from the Cong Church of Plainfield N. H. and North Haverhill Mass recommending Rev Joseph Byte Mrs Emily T. Byte Albert E. Byte Helen S. Byte and Sarah A. Byte to our Christian fellowship and certifying to their good standing with them was presented —

also Miss Emily M. Byte was recommended by the Committee of the Church as a suitable person for membership on profession of her faith

In order that the foregoing persons might unite with the Church at the Communion Jany 4th it was moved that the rule requiring two weeks notice for persons propounded for admission be suspended — Voted

It was moved and voted that they be received as members of our Church

Benevolent Contributions

For benevolent contributions during the past year see last page of record for 1884

Adjourned James D. Brown Clerk

January 11 Admission

Rev Joseph Byte Mrs Emily D. Byte Albert E. Byte Helen S. Byte and Sarah A. Byte were this day received as members of this Church Deacon David W. Jones reading the Covenant and receiving their assent to the same

Miss Emily M. Byte was also received on profession of her faith

James D. Brown Clerk

Feby 15 Dismission

A letter of dismission from this Church and a recommendation to the First M. E. Church La Crosse Wisconsin was this day voted to Mrs Edgar F. Sinclair

James D. Brown Clerk

March 6

At a business meeting of the Church held this day the Clerk gave notice that Dea. J. S. Blair declined serving as treasurer — It was moved & voted that we proceed to ballot for a treasurer The result of the first ballot — for Chairman At the second ballot Dea O. S. Hubbard having a majority of the votes was declared elected — Voted to adjourn

James D. Brown Clerk

1883.

April 2 A letter of dismission from this Church and recommendation to the Tabernacle Methodist Episcopal Church Philadelphia was this day granted to Lucy J. (Stephens) Shinn by Vote of the Church

James N. Brown Clerk

May 3 A letter of dismission from this Church and recommendation to the Congregational Church in Sutton Mass was this day granted to Elias L. Snow and Mrs Lovan Snow his wife - By Vote of the Church -

James N. Brown
Clerk

June 18 A letter of dismission from this Church and recommendation to the Congregational Church in Warren Mass was this day Voted to Rev Alfred G. Lamb Mrs Caroline Lamb and Mrs Stella Lamb (Bennis)

James N. Brown
Clerk

Oct 31 Melvin Booth. Mrs Emily Booth. and Miss Lilian M. Booth. Were this day received as members of this Church on recommendation from the Congregational Church in Union Conn.

By Vote of the Church -

James N. Brown
Clerk

1886

Jany 2nd At the Annual Meeting of the Church holden this day Rev Joseph Eyth Moderator. business was transacted as follows viz

Mrs Catharine M. Sherman was accepted as a Member of this Church on letter of recommendation from the Congl Church in Southbridge Mass. also

Mrs Louisa H. Parker on recommendation from 2nd Congl Church in East Douglas Mass

Officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows viz

For Clerk James T. Brown
" Treasurer N. S. Hubbard
" Auditor M. H. Corbin

Voted

That the Deacons or Committee to supply the Communion table be instructed to procure "unfermented Wine" for the Communion service

The Pastor requested the privilege of deferring the Monthly collection from the time of the Communion service to the Sabbath following, at such times as a collection was taken to supply the table, he to give notice of the same - Voted -

The Clerk reported as follows

Jany 1st 1885 Membership		87
Non Resident		20
leaving resident members		67
Added during the year by letter	8	
" Profession	1	
	9	
Dismissed to other Churches	8	
Deaths during the year	3	
	11	
Present Membership		84
of which there are non resident		17
Leaving as resident Members same as before		67

over

1886

Benevolent contributions reported to date

For Home Missions by	Ladies Benevolent Society		112.00
" Foreign "	" Womans Missionary	"	36.00
" " "	" Collection in Church		31.82
" Home "	" " " "		35.50
" Con. Missionary Association	" " "		32.51
" Cong'l S.S. & Publishing Society	by Sunday School		36.19
" Sunday School Union	" " "		10.00
	Total		$294.00

Adjourned

James D. Brown

Clerk

May 2 At the Communion Service held this day the following persons were received as Members of this Church on profession of their faith viz

Bessie F. Brown

Cora B. Jones

J. D. Brown Clerk

July 10 At a Meeting of the Church held this day. Voted to receive Mrs Matilda Green as a member of this Church. on letter of recommendation from Mo E. Church Warren Mass.

The publishing of a new Church Manual was suggested by brother D. L. Griggs and on Motion of Dea N. S. Hubbard it was Voted that we do publish a new Manual.

On Motion of Dea Dan'l Shin Brown it was Voted that a Committee of three be Chosen to consider the matter and report at the next Meeting. What in their opinion it is desirable to publish.

Rev Joseph Ryle. Deac. C. S. Hubbard
and James H. Brown were chosen
as such Committee.

Adjourned

James H. Brown
Clerk

Copy.

Brimfield Jany 12/86

To the First Congregational
Church of Brimfield

Wishing to connect
myself with the Second Advent Church in this
place I desire to have my name taken from
your Church book.

Yours in Christian Love
Mrs Eva A. Parker

The above was read in Church Jany 31st
and March 6th action was had as follows.
Viz

Voted that a letter be sent Mrs Parker
certifying to her Membership and good
standing in this Church.
The following letter was accordingly sent

First Congregational Church
Brimfield Mass

This is to certify that Eva (Ward) Parker united with
this Church in 1869 and has been an acceptable
and worthy member all of these years.
We regret that she thinks of leaving our body.
Granted by vote of the Church March 6/86

James H. Brown
Clerk

Nov 6 At the regular Church meeting held this day. The Committee on Manual reported advisable to publish a new Manual with the rules of the Church as revised and readed. also a corrected and complete list of all its members. a list of all the Pastors Deacons. and a brief Sketch of its history.

As this concluded the work of the committee. it was voted that they be continued in office and instructed to proceed to the work as above outlined & report at the next meeting. Adjourned

J. D. Brown Clerk

Dec 31 Contributions for benevolent purposes reported to date are as follows.

For Home Missions. Coll. in Church	33.91
" Foreign " " " "	29.13
" Am. Miss. Association " " "	35.20
" Am. Cong'l Union " " "	20.17
" Home Miss'y Ladies Benivalent Society	21.00
" Foreign " " Womans For. Miss "	34.00
"Women to the Rescue"	11.50
" Am. Miss Association in S. S	12.00
" Seamans Friend Society " "	5.00
" 1 Bbl supplies sent Miss Lu Tittell at C.	40.00
" Cash " " " "	20.00
	261.91

1887

Jany 1 At the meeting of the Church this day it was Agreed that instead of taxing the members of the Church for Church Exp Funds. that we take a collection for that purpose the Sabbaths on which the Communion Service were held.

The above was proposed and agreed to but no formal vote was taken.

J. D. Brown Clerk

1887

Jany 1st

At the Annual meeting of the Church held this day Rev Joseph Ryth Moderator business was transacted as follows.

Viz

Reading of last years record by the Clerk after which Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows. For Clerk James R. Brown

" Treasurer W. S. Hubbard

" Auditor M. H. Cochin

Treasurers Report read and accepted

The Clerk reported membership as follows

Whole number of members in good ~~regular~~ and regular standing at beginning of the year 84

Less Non Residents — 17

Leaving as resident members 67

Admissions during the year by letter 3

by profession 2

12

Withdrawn during the year 1

Leaving as residents 71

The Committee on Manual reported but little progress, and asked for instructions in regard to names of those who asked for and took letters to an Ecclesiastical Council in Oct. 1878. (See pages 270 & 71)

After a consideration of the question. It was moved and seconded. that we withdraw fellowship from those now living who took such letters. The Committee on manual to place such marks against their names in the same as needed to indicate this action. Voted unanamously.

Adjourned

Attest James R. Brown

Clerk

Vote of Church to withdraw fellowship from those who took letters to form Ecclesiastical Council Oct. 1878

1887

March 5

At the regular Church Meeting held this day, it was voted to receive the following persons on profession of their faith.

Viz

Minnie B. Booth	Henry W. Durant
Lucy M. Booth	Arthur E. Ormes
Edith R. Booth	Alice J. Ormes
Ida R. Agard	Minnie J. Corbin
Flora M. Agard	Herbert M. Corbin
J. Calvin Dix	

Attest

J. N. Brown Clerk

Apl 30

At the regular meeting of the Church held this day, it was voted to receive the following persons as Members of this Church Viz

Geo. M. Stowell } L. from 1st Baptist Church
Mrs Hattie E. Stowell } L. " Springfield Mass
Albert Magoon L. from Congl Ch Hanover Conn.

Attest J. N. Brown
Clerk

July 2

At the regular meeting of the Church held this day, it was voted to receive the following persons as members of this Church

Viz

Mrs Mary Amadon Plympton L. from Congl Ch Hanover
Mrs Sarah Holbrook Goodale L. " " " "
Nathan M. Goodale P.

Attest

J. N. Brown Clerk

1887-8
Annual Meeting

Dec 31

At the annual Meeting of the Church held this day Rev. Joseph Kyle Moderator business was transacted as follows viz

Officers for year ensuing Chosen as follows

For Clerk James I Bracon
" Treas. Geo. I Hubbard
" Auditor Miner H. Corbin

The Clerk then reported Membership to be as follows

Whole number Jany 1st 1887		88
Added during the year by prof	12	
" " " " " letter	5	
total	17	
Less deaths during the year	2	
Gain " " "		15
Whole number Jany 1st 1888		103
of this number there are Absent		28
leaving as resident members		75

Attention being called to the fact that most of our Deacons were either absent or unable to attend Church it was Moved and Voted that we proceed to Choose two Deacons for the term of four years.

Upon the first ballot 21 Votes were cast of which Miner H. Corbin had 18 and was declared Elected

2nd ballot 23 Votes were Cast of which Edward B. Brown had 13 and he was declared Elected. Mr Brown declined serving and it was Voted that he be Excused.

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1887

Annual Meeting Continued

Dec 31

A third ballot was called for which resulted as follows 22 votes were cast of which Melvin Booth had 12 and he was declared elected

It was then voted to Adjourn until Saturday Jany 28th 1888 at 2 o'clock P. M.

A true record

James D. Brown
Clerk

The following contributions from Church, Sunday School, Ladies Mission and Ladies Benevolent Society, have been reported to the Clerk. Viz

For Foreign Missions	66.90
" Home Missions	58.68
" Am. Missionary Association and similar objects	19.91
" Congl S. S. & Publishing Society	11.33
" New West Commission	10.00
" Congl Union	8.00
" Fisk University	15.00
	249.88

1888
Jany 28

Adjourned Annual Meeting

Meeting called to order by the Moderator Rev. Joseph Boyle. Who presented the request of Albert Magoon for dismission and a letter recommending him to the Methodist Episcopal Church at New Brittian Ct Voted that the letter be granted.

Moved that the Pastor be requested to make a statement to the Congregation of the plan agreed upon Jany 1. 1887 in regard to the Collection for Church Expenses

Voted - that we now adjourn

James D. Brown Clerk

March 3 At a regular meeting of the Church held this day it was voted to receive the following persons on Letters of recommendation from the First Methodist Episcopal Church Southbridge Mass, Viz James Harvey Plimpton
Mrs Elizabeth J. Plimpton
Miss Evelina Plimpton
George Lincoln Plimpton

June 8 At a meeting called by the officers of the Church of the adult members held this day business was transacted as follows. Meeting called to order by the Pastor, who stated that matters in which he had a personal interest were to come before the meeting he thought it better that he should not remain, and called for a nomination for Moderator. Deacon C. A. Hubbard was nominated and chosen.
Without waiting for the Moderator to state the business of the Meeting the Pastor took the floor saying he wished to make a statement, which he did and then left
The Moderator then stated the business to be to consider the questions embodied in the 5th article of the warrant calling the annual meeting of the Parish Viz
"To see if the Parish will take any measures to Modify, or change the terms of the Contract now existing with the Rev Joseph Kyle. or to terminate the same, or act thereon"
Dea. D. W. Jones then offered the following resolution and moved it adoption

1888

"Resolved that we request the Parish to postpone indefinately any action on the article in the warrant now under consideration which relates to the termination of the same or pastorate"

Moved by Edward B. Brown

"That members who may be unable to be present be allowed to vote by proxy"

The Moderator stated that he knew of no rule of the Church that provided for such a vote, but would entertain the motion and the Church could decide the matter

It was voted that proxies be received.

A vote on the resolution was then taken with the following result. yes 25 no 8 — total 33. There were 31 persons present. The Moderator and Clerk did not vote, therefore there were 4 votes or more that were supposed to be called "proxies" but no proxies were presented to the meeting

Voted that the meeting adjourn

Attest record attest

James R Brown

Clerk

Burrfield June 30 1888

At a business meeting, after Invocation. Elected this day Rev Joseph Hyde presiding, the reading of the record of the meeting June 5 th was called for. Record was read by Deacon Hubbard (at request of Clerk). Reference was made to a Statement made by the Pastor at that meeting but the Statement was not given, only referred to) but it was stated by the Clerk that the Statement had not been entered on the Record Book.

Voted that the clerk forward a copy of the Statement to the Church before entering the same upon the Records

Voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest James T. Brown

Clerk

Springfield June 2. 1888

At the business meeting this day &c. - Preparatory hereto - The Clerk called the meeting to order and called for nomination for Moderator. Dea. Hubbard was nominated and chosen. The Moderator stated that the first business was the reading the record of the meetings of June 8th and 30th together with the statement of Mr Feyte which were then read -

Brother Edward B. Brown then moved "That the part of the record covering Mr Feyte's statement be omitted from the Record"

Which was voted -

Adjourned

J. T. Brown Clerk

Dec 23 The request of Hattie B. Brown for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Memorial Church in Springfield. granted two weeks ago. was again read

Voted. that the letter be granted

James T. Brown Clerk

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Date of Admission — Revised List of Members January 1st 1889

Males

Date of Admission			
1841	L	Brown	Dea. Dauphin — Deceased Aug 25 1887
1859	P	Blair	Dea. James S. — Died Feb 4th 1901
1853	P	Brown	James T. — Sept. 26th 1899
1869	P	Brown	Edward B.
1864	P	Brown	James Reed — Died Apl 15th 1911
1884	L	Booth	Dea Melvin. — Rec'd by letter from Wellington Mass May 2nd 1891 / Dismissed to Boston Aug 16th
1857	P	Booth	Olin R. — " "
1857	P	Booth	Miner B. — " " "
1869	P	Corbin	Dea Miner H.
1881	P	Corbin	Herbert M.
1881	P	Coolbroth	Arthur M. Dropped Jan 4th 1902
1867	P	Dix	J. Calvin Name dropped July 4th 1891
1867	P	Durant	Henry W. Deceased
1866	P	Grigg	Wm W. ~~Dismissed~~ Dropped Jan 4th 1902
1866	P	Grigg	David L. Dismissed [illegible] 1890
1826	P	Hitchcock	Marcus Died [illegible]
1869	P	Hitchcock	Willie N. [illegible]
1842	P	Hubbard	Dea Newton S. Died 1897
1881	P	Hale	Oscar B. Dropped from Ch Roll Sept 4th 1903
1853	P	James	Dea David W. Dismissed to Worcester Feb 14 1897
1885	L.	Kyle	Rev Joseph — Dismissed
1885	L.	Kyle	Albert E. — " "
1882	P	Lamphear	George F. Dis Feb 5th 1893
1853	P	Marsh	Elisha C. Died
1887	P	Nourse	Arthur E. Dismissed Nov 6 1889
1888	L.	Plimpton	James H. " Oct 27 1889
1888	L.	Plimpton	George L.
1890	P	Robinson	Charles W.
1881	L.	Stowell	George M. Died April 20th 1914
1876	P.	Yoneki	Sadanori Dropped Jan 4th 1902
1879	P.	Arthur	B. Brown Died January 20th 1911
1879	L.	Lincoln	Frank Deceased Feb 6th 1909
1890	L.	Arthur	P Plimpton Dis
1890	L.	Louis	S Allen Died Oct 29th 1914
1892	P.	Edwd	B Allen
1892	P.	Geo	A. Furness Dismissed
1892	P.	Morton	W. Hale Dismissed

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1892	P.	William A. Victor	
1892	L.	Rev Wilbur Reed	Dismissed
1892	P.	Stanley H Simpson	Dismissed
1892	L.	George W. Streeter	Died April 13th 1900
1882	L.	Marcia L. Wood	
1896	L	Rev Robert J Kyle	Dis to Hebron Ct 1906
" "	P	Clarence B. Brown	
1897	L	Melvin Booth	
"	L	Frederick Bissell	
1899	P	Thomas J Purdy	
1900	L	William T Curry	
"	L	Gilbert L. Brown	Dismissed Dec 30-1917. to Fort Hamilton Cong'l Ch. Chicago
"	L	Miner B Booth	dis to Cong'l Church Moncton
1901	L	Rev William P Clancy	Dis to Edwards Ch Northampton Feb 22 1915
20 May	L	Mr George L Clancy	Dis to Edwards Ch Northampton Feb 22 1915
23 Jan 3rd	L	Rev Samuel Eaton	Dismissed to Fisk Canal Crown Point March 13 1914
" " "	L	Walter D. Eaton	" " " " " "
" " "		Bertie L. Campbell	
" " "		Emory Livermore	
		Robert Streeter	
		Erford Corbin	Dismissed to Cong'l Church Palmer April 19th 1914
		George Steinam	Excommunicated April 28. 1909
		George A Steinam	Dropped from our Ch Records " " "
July 3rd	"	Edward H Davenport	
Nov 3rd	1906	Charles M Streeter	
July 6th	1907	L Mr Hermann Sprague	Dismissed to Corvallis Oregon Feb 22nd 1914
" 1st	1908	" Melvin H Robinson	Died March 17th 1910
" 4th	1909	" Frank M. Sperry	Died Jan 23rd 1910
Nov 3rd	1912	L Edward W. Fairfield	
Jan 6th	1913	L Rev William F Bissell	Dec 3 1916 Dismissed to W. Townsend Vt
Jan 2nd	1914	L Rev William A Estabrook	
" " "		L Mr Artemus A Whitney	
		" Clyde Norcross	
		" Harry C Norcross	

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Date of Revised List of Members January 1st 1889

1881	L	Agard Mrs Rebecca Died July 6th 1910
1881	P	Agard Miss Ida R. Withdrawn Dismissed Jan 2nd 1904
1881	P	Agard " Flora N. Deceased
1874	L	Bachelor Clarinda. Mrs Jas
1861	L	Blackmer Mrs Louis Deceased
1872	L	Blair Mrs Emma
1846	L	Blair Sarah F. Mrs Jas L. Deceased
1831	P	Brown Annie S. Mrs Jas H. Deceased
1853 +	L	Brown Catharine W. Mrs Jas T.
1869	P	Brown Miss Isabel L. Deceased
1862 +	P	Brown Miss Julia T.
1869	P	Brown Louisa. Mrs J. Reed Deceased May 23rd 1891
1864 +	P	Brown Miss Lucy A.
1853	P	Brown Lucy T. Mrs H. T.
1880 +	P	Brown Mary A. Mrs Enid B.
1885 +	L	Booth Emily. Mrs Melvin Dismissed Recd 1897
1885	L	Booth Miss Lillian M. Died Aug 25th 1900
1887	P	Booth Miss Lucy M. Died Feb 4th 1898
1882	P	Bliss Miss Rebecca Choate
1886	P	Brown Miss Bessie F. Dismissed to Cong Church in Palmer Feb 1908
1874	L	Bullard Miss Agnes C.
1869 +	P	Corbin Sarah B. Mrs M. H.
1887	P	Corbin Minnie J. Dismissed to Stafford ville Ct Jan 1912
1869	P	Dix Anna E. Mrs J. C. Died Sept 10th 1900
1881	P	Dunham Mary E. Mrs
1860	P	Emerson Miss Josephine Dismissed
1880 +	L	Ferry Lydia A. Mrs Died April 30th 1910.
1869	L	Fosket Nancy. Mrs Rufus
1869	L	Foster Lucy Mrs Deceased
1884	P	Ferry Miss Etta I. Dismissed June 8th 1890
1883	P	
1869	P	Griggs Lizzie E. Mrs Chas D. Dismissed May 27th 1895-4
1864	P	Griggs Delia L. Mrs Wm W.
1886 +	L	Green Matilda Mrs Lyman P. Deceased
1843	L	Haynes Lucinda Mrs Walter
1833	P	Hitchcock Polly Mrs Thomas Deceased
1873	P	Hitchcock Lillian Mrs W. H. Dismissed
1884	L	Hale Caroline Mrs Deceased
1884	P	Hale Miss Eliza J. Mrs Alvin Schwartz died Jan 11th 1916
1887		Goodale Sarah F. Mrs Nathan W. Deceased

Date of Admission — List Continued

Females

1855	P	Hamm Ruth Mrs Alfred	Deceased Sept 14th 1889
1843	P	Hubbard Lydia Mrs Samuel	died 1884
1843	L	Hubbard Sarah Mrs N. S.	Deceased April 11th 188[illegible]
1880	P	Hubbard Abbot Agnes Miss	
1867	L	James Janette Mrs D. W.	
1842	L	James Sarepta Mrs Harvey	Deceased Augt 1st 1889
1886	P	James Miss Cora B.	
1885	L	Keyte Emily T. Mrs Joseph	
1885	L	Keyte Miss Helen S.	" "
1885	L	Keyte Miss Sarah V.	" "
1885	P	Keyte Miss Emily M.	" "
1880	+ L	Lathrop Luella Mrs	Deceased
1856	L	Lombard Sarah Mrs Chas C.	
1869	+ P	Marsh Luana Mrs E. C.	Died May 1916
1826	P	Moon Ruth P. Mrs	
1845	P	Paige Catharine P. Mrs P. W.	Deceased
1819	P	Prouty Lucy Mrs	Deceased 1889
1886	+ L	Parker Louisa H. Mrs Simeon	died Oct 15–1917.
1887	L	Plimpton Mary (Amadon) Mrs John C.	died Nov 3rd 1907
1888	L	Plimpton Elizabeth J. Mrs Jas H.	Dismissed Oct 27th
1888	L	Plimpton Miss Corina E.	Dismissed Oct 27th 1889
1887	P	Perrin Miss Alice J.	Dismissed Nov 10th 1889
1869	L	Sherman Julia A. Mrs Wm H.	
1837	P	Sherman Sophia Mrs John	
1886	L	Sherman Catharine Mrs Edson	Deceased
1863	L	Shaw Miss Ursula J.	
1869	P	Smith Mary F. Mrs Seth	
1842	P	Spaulding Laura P. Miss	died Aug 8th 1907
1877	P	Spaulding Miss Abbie	Died Jan 29th 1906
1829	L	Sumner Miss Mehitable	
1883	+ P	Sutcliffe Sophia E. Mrs Wm	Died June 20th 1912
1881	+ L	Stowell Ruth E. Mrs Geo. M.	Died Feb 3 – 1914
1883	L	Upham Catharine Mrs Clarence	Dismissed
1853	+ P	Wilkinson Emily Mrs W. H.	Died Jan 10th 1915
1887		Goodale Sarah Mrs	Dismissed to [illegible]
1889		Mrs Mary M. Heard	Died February 2nd 1909
1889	+	Mrs Hattie B. Brown	

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List of Members (Continued)

1890 Miss Alice M Jones (Mrs Albert Brown)
1890 Mrs Louise C Allen Dismissed to Agawam June 11th 1911
1896 Mrs Clara A Allen Placed on Retired List Oct 15 1916
1882 Mrs Mary J Rand
1882 Mrs Orpha Bemis
1882 Mrs Mary F Merrill
1882 Miss Sarah Worden Dis to Kansas City Mo
1882 Mrs Cornilia Daniels Died May 1st 1911
1882 Mrs Lucina H Dean Died April 11th 1904
1885 Miss Lucy Jane Witham Dismissed April 3rd 1885
1896 Miss Florence M. Tyler (Mrs A.J.) Dis to Wilcox Ch 1906
" " Mrs Martha E Streeter
1897 Mrs Melvin Booth ~~Dis to Faith Cong'l Church Springfield Feb 13~~
" " Miss Barbara L Kirk Dis to 1st Cong'l Church Worcester Mass
1898 Mrs Maud Mears Gurney Dis to Malvern Highland Cong'l Ch
1900 Mrs William J Gurney Dis
" " Mrs Gilbert E Brewer Dismissed to Italian Mission Cong'l Ch. Dec 31 1907
" " Mrs Lydia Salisbury Died
" " Miss Mabel N Brown Dis to Faith Ch Springfield Feb 13th 1913
" " Miss A Stella Fitts Dis. April 2nd 1908 Union Cong'l Ch Dorchester Mass
1901 Mrs J Edgar Brown (Ada Dodge)
Mrs Alice E Clancy Dis to Edwards Ch Northampton Feb 22nd 1903
Miss Lota N Clancy Dis to Edwards Ch Northampton Feb 22nd 1903
Miss Agnes G. Clancy Dis to Edwards Ch Northampton Feb 22nd 1903
1892 Mrs Alice Emma Allen
1903 Mrs Hattie Eaton (wife of Rev S Eaton) Dis'd to Crown Point N Y
"June" " Miss Hattie F Eaton March 13th
" " " Mrs Cora L H Campbell
" " " Mrs Jessie Fairfield Brown
" " " Miss Alma W Bissell
" " " Mrs Mary A Livermore
" " " Mrs Ruth W Bissell
" " " Mrs Nicola N Allen
" " " Miss Mary Carlisle Dropped by Vote of Church Jan 4th 1913
Mar 1st Mrs Daniel L Briggs
Mrs Annie Stimson Dropped by Vote of the Church Dec 30th 1913
Miss Edith Stimson " " " " "

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1903		Miss Mary Etta Brown	
July 3rd	"	+ Mrs Birtie A (Barnes) Barnes	
		+ Miss Julia Etta Hitchcock	
	"	+ Miss Adella Adams	
		+ Mrs Susan R. Doughty	
May 5 1907	P.	Miss Alice Brown	Died May 15th 1912
"	L	Miss Addie Battersby	Dismissed
July 6	L	Mrs Hiram Sprague	Dismissed to Corvallis Orego. Feb 22nd 1914
Jan 4. 1908		+ Mrs Annie O Lawrence (F. N.)	
July 1st 1908		+ " Rosa G Robinson	
" 4th 1909		+ " Frank M Sperry ---	Dismissed Dec 18th 1910
" "		Miss Nellie D. Woods	Dismissed to Brookfield 1912
May 5. 1907	P.	" ~~Alice Brown~~	
" " "	L	" ~~Addie Battersby~~	
Sept 6th 1906	L	Mrs E. W. Elder	
July 4th 1909	P	Miss Ruth Hubbard	
" " "	P	" Birtie Garnes	
Sept 5 "	+ L	" May Moore	
July 10th 1886	L	Mrs Matilda Plimpton	Died July 20th 1914
Nov 3rd 1912	L	Mrs Edward W. Fairfield	
Jan 2nd 1914	L	Mrs Lettie V. Estabrook	
" " "	L	Miss Rosetta W. Estabrook	
" " "	L	Miss Gladys W. Estabrook	
" " "	L	Mrs Margrett W Browne	
" " "	L	Mrs Fred J. Parker	
" " "	L	Mrs Bessie Maud Whitney	
" " "	P	Mrs Frank Howes	
" " "	P	Mrs Charles A Webber	
" " "	P	Miss Gladys Webber	
May 7th 1916		Miss Nellie Norcross	
" " "		Miss Julia E Grover	
July 2nd "		Miss Maud Hitchcock	
" " "		Miss Rachel Hitchcock	
" " "		Miss Constance Elder	
" " "		Miss Juliet V Doughty	
Nov 1st " "		Mrs Grace Dockham Landon	
" "		Miss Hester Landon	

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Clerk's report of Church Membership, and Benevolent contributions for the Year 1888

Whole number of members Jan 1st 1888 103
Added on letter during the year 4 4
107
Dismissed to other Churches 2
Losses by death 2 4
Whole number Jan 1st 1889 103

Received by Profession 4
Restored 1

Benevolent contributions reported in 1888

1st Foreign Missions

Church collections $29.30
Auxiliary to Women's Board 37.50
66.80

2nd Home Missions and Kindred work

Church collections $38.72
Sabbath School 10.00
Ladies Benevolent Society, Box of paper 98.00
Christmas Offering 4.42
$151.14

3rd American Missionary Society & Similar work

Church Collections $29.30
Sabbath School 10.00
Ladies Benevolent society Box of Mis Du 35.00
$74.30

4th American Sabbath Union

Church collections $14.65

5th Temperance Society & Publishing Interests

Church Collections $14.65

6th Rev Meet Education Commission

Union Collection	14.[illegible]	
Sabbath School	10.00	
Special for Miss Doe	3.25	27.91

7th Other Charities

Sabbath School	7.0[illegible]	
Church Coll Not-appropriated	14.67	21.[illegible]2

Whole Amount $371.16

Attest E. P. Brown Co Clerk

1889

Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of this Church held this day the following business was transacted. The Church being without a pastor Deacon David W. James was chosen Moderator. meting opened with prayer by Bro Marcus Hitchcock after which the following Officers were chosen

For Ch Clerk. E. B Brown
" Treas Dea N. S. Hubbard
" Asst " M. H Corbin

The report of the clerk was read & accepted for the year 1888. The membership of the Church was then given as follows

Whole Number Jan 1st 1889 103

Added by letter during the year 1888 4
Dismissed to other Churches 2
Taken by Death 2
Leaving the present membership the same 103
Of which 29 are absent
Resident members 74

On Motion of Bro James I Brown
Voted - That Dea M H Corbin act as
[illegible]

The Matter of Church Discipline was called for and the Church voted to defer action upon it till the next business meting
of the Church

E. B Brown Ch Clerk

The Church voted this day to grant the request of George F Plimpton for a letter of dismission and recommendation to the Methodist Episcopal Church in Middletown Ct

E J Bowen Clk

April 14

Rev Joseph Kyte, Mrs Emily F Kyte, Robert E F Helen A Kyte, Sarah A Kyte and Nellie M Kyte for letters of dismission and of recommendation to the Congregational Church in Northfield [illegible]

E J Bowen Clk

June

At a business meeting of the Church held immediately after preparatory lecture, the following business was transacted.

Meeting was called to order by the Clerk who was called for nomination for moderator

Deacon Hubbard was chosen

A proposition from Rev M L Richardson presented to the Church by the Parish Committee [illegible]

Chr Motion by Dea E C Bowen

Voted [illegible]

Chr Motion by Rev E C Moore

Voted [illegible]

Whole no of votes cast 11 no 2 Blanks -

Chr Motion of Deacon Hubbard

[illegible]

proposition. Voted Dea N S Hubbard, Dea [illegible] E J Bowen [illegible]

July 7th The following persons was received this day by letter.

Lucius Agard and Mary Agard his wife
Mrs Rebecca Agard Widdow of Stephan Agard
Mrs Emma M Brown. from the Congregational Church in Holland Mass
Arthur B Brown was received upon profession of faith

E. B Brown Ch Clerk

Oct 2nd The following persons were granted letters of dismission from us and of recommendation to the Congregational Church in Sturbridge

Lauden H Plimpton and his Wife
and the Elizabeth A. Plimpton, his daughter.
Miss E Jenna Plimpton

Edward B Brown Ch Clerk

Nov 10th The following persons this day were granted Letters of dismission from us and of recommendation to the First Coast Church in Washington D C.

Arthur E Ormes
Alice E Ormes

Edward B Brown Ch Clerk

Nov 2d At a Business meeting of the Church after Preparatory Lecture the following business was transacted.

Meeting called to order by the Pastor as Moderator
The Clerk being absent. E B Brown was chosen Clerk pro tem

Voted to appropriate two dollars for Singing Books.
Voted to accept the report of treasurer.
Voted to Choose treasurer in place of Dea Hubbard who is temporarily absent from town. and
Dea Elmer H Corbin was chosen treasurer pro tem

The meeting was then dismissed

Attest E. B Brown Ch Clk

1890
Annual Meeting

January 4th At the Annual Meeting of this Church after Preparatory Lecture to day, the following business was transacted Viz: Meeting called to order by the Clerk and Miner H Corbin was chosen Moderator, after which the following persons were chosen for the year ensuing.

Viz	For Clerk	Edward B Brown
	" Treas	Miner H Corbin
	" Auds	Lamer R Brown

The report of the Clerk was read and accepted for the year 1889. No of deaths during the year 1889 was five.

Deaths in 1889

Dea. Dauphin Brown
Mrs Newton S Hubbard
" Nancy Jane
" Ruth B Homer
" Lucy Prouty

Additions - - -

Mr Arthur B Brown
" Lucius Agard
Mrs Mary M. wife of Lucius Agard
" Rebecca Agard
" Emma M. Brown

Dismissions

Rev Joseph Kyte
Mrs Emily J Kyte
Mr Albert E Kyte
Miss Nellie S Kyte
" Sarah D Kyte
" Millie M Kyte
Mr George L Plimpton
" James H Plimpton
Mrs James H Plimpton
Miss E Nina Plimpton
Mr Arthur E Ormes
Miss Alice J Ormes

Leaving the Membership January 1st 1890 twelve less than one year ago. Ninety one (91)

Benevolent Contributions reported in 1889

First	Home Missions	$ 40.63
	A. B. C. F. M.	37.50
	Am M Association	20.00
	Congl S. S. & Pub Society	13.74

Benevolent contributions Continued

First
Congl Univn 13.74
New West Ed Comn 13.74 $ 137.82

Second
Coll for Church Expenses 17.37

Third
Women's Board of Miss 37.50

Fourth
From S School
Home Mission 8.50
Congl S.S. & Pub Socity 3.00
Library 37.26
Organ Fund 9.24
Other objects 3.21 61.21
$ 253.90

Whole Amount

Attest
E B Brown Ch Clerk

Mr. Annie P Simpson was received to membership on profession of his faith this day January 5th

April 6 The following person was rec'd to membership with a recommendation from Congl Church in Hillsboro Bridge N.H.
Mrs Lillie M Jaines
Edward B. Brown Clerk

At a business meeting of this Church after Prayer Meeting Lecture the following business was done
Voted unanimously that we request the Parish connected with this Church to unite with us in securing the services of Rev M. L. Richardson to Acting Pastor for another year
Voted That a committee of one be chosen to carry out the vote of the Church and present the same to the Parish
Voted that Dea H B Corbin be that Committee
A true copy Attest E B Brown Ch Clerk

June 8th

The request of Lunnel & Griggs and two Bros requesting letters of dismission from this Ch[urch] & of commendation to the Center Cong[l] Church, Bradford Vt was read. The Church Voted to grant the request.

Nov 2

Additions

Mr Lewis S Allen and his wife Sarah E. Allen, and their daughter Oliver S Allen were this day received to membership by letter from the First Cong[l] Church Warren

E. B. Brown Cl

1891

Jan 3rd

Annual Meeting of the Church held
January third Eighteen hundred and ninety one

Meeting called to order after Organization Lisbon
by the Clerk.
Deacon Miner Booth was chosen moderator
The following Officers were chosen for the year

Edward R Brown - Clerk
Miner H Corbin Treas
James R Brown Auditor

The Clerks report was read
The report of Treasurer was also read and accepted
Membership whole no 94
non residents 22
resident 72
On Motion of E B Brown it was
Voted. That the treasurer be authorized
to procure as many Hand Books as the
Church needs
On Motion of Dea David James
Voted. That this meeting do now adjourn

A true record attest E B Brown Church Clerk

The following are the collections of the
Benevolent Society and S. School for the year.

Church		Sabbath School	
Home Missions	37.76	Home Missions	8.70
Foreign "	25.16	A. M. Association	28.86
Am Miss Association	5.0	Miscellaneous	14.72
Cong'l S.S. and Pub'g Society	12.58		52.28
Cong'l Union	12.58		
West Ed Association	12.58		

Collections for Ch Expenses 125.82
15.18
53.28

1828 At a business meeting of the Church held this day February 28th. after Preparatory Lecture it was voted.

To choose a Committee of three to confer with a Parish Committee of three with reference to devising some improved method of raising our pastors salary. and Bro Elisha C. Marsh. Arthur B. Brown and Dea David W Jones were chosen that Committee

Attest E B Brown Ch. Clerk

March 7 The Church voted this day March 7th to grant Mr. Catherine C Abbams request for a letter of dismission from this Church and a letter of recommendation to the Cong. Church of Brookfield Mass.

Attest E B Brown Ch. Clerk

March 7

Business Meeting of the Church held March 7th after Preparatory Lecture the Church

Voted. To concur with the parish in raising money.

Voted. To choose a committee of one to confer with Bro. Calvin Dix with regard to his standing in this Church

Voted That Deacon N. S. Hubbard be that Committee

Voted by ballot. That we ask the Parish connected with this Church to unite with us in securing the services of Rev M. L. Richardson as acting Pastor of this church another year

Whole number of Votes 17

Yeas 12

Nays 5 17

Attest E. B. B. Clerk

4th At a Business Meeting of this Church after Preparatory Lecture the following business was transacted. In the absence of the Clerk the meeting was called to order by Dea Hubbard — Deacon N S Hubbard was chosen Moderator

Deacon M. H. Corbin Clerk Pro tem

The report of the Committee Chosen at the last Church meeting was called for

And (Deacon Hubbard as that committee reported that the accusation against Mr Johnathan C. Dix a Member of this Church as being guilty of intemperance and immoral conduct unbecoming a Christian. all of which he acknowledged and requested that his name be taken from the Church records, and roll of Membership —

On motion of Bro James Red Brown

Voted. That the Name of Johnathan C. Dix be droped from the Church roll of Membership from this date July 4th 87

Attest. M. H. Corbin clerk pro tem —

E B Brown Ch Clerk

Aug 16th The following persons were granted Letters of dismission from this Church and given letter of recommendation to the Congregational Church in Holliston Mass" Viz and Mrs Melvon Booth their daughters Lillian M and Lucy [illegible] Son Olin R. and Minn B Booth

August 16 87

Attest E B Brown Ch Clerk

A Special business meeting of the Church held October the
[illegible] the following business was transacted.
Deacon Newton S Hubbard was [illegible]
-ator and Abiner M Corbin Clerk protem.
Several letters written to the Parish [illegible]
from Ministers were presented [illegible]
considering the same the Church voted [illegible]
a committee of three - Viz Newton S Hubbard.
Edward B Brown and Arthur P Brown
Voted That this committee be empowered
and instructed the said committee to procure
the services of a Pastor as stated [illegible]
Voted to dismiss this meeting
Attest M. M. Corbin Clerk pro tem
E B Brown Scribe

Dec 6 The Church voted to [illegible]
Miss Ella J Hayes request of a letter of [illegible]
from this Church and [illegible] a letter of recommendation to
the Church of the Redeemer (Baptist) of New
York City
Attest E B Brown Sch. Clerk

Dec 27 The Church voted to grant Arthur P Brown's
request for a letter of dismission from this
and give him a letter of recommendation to
the Berean Baptist Church in Stamford
Brimfield Dec 27th 1891
Attest E B Brown Sch. Clerk

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In accordance with a Vote of this Church found on page 340, a Committee of three was chosen to act with the Parish Committee in securing a Pastor or Stated Supply. The Committee received from Rev Hiller Rand the following letter

Springfield Mass Dec 31st 1892

To the Members of the Parish Committee of the First Congregational Church of Springfield

Brethren

According to the termes of the call which you extended to me one year ago to become your Pastor - terms - either party may terminate the connection by giving four months notice to that effect.

I now and hereby give notice and propose that my relation and contract with this Church and Parish as its Pastor may cease on the last day of next April 1893. provided it is deemed or deemed advisable by either one or both of the parties to the contract at that time that it should cease then cease

No further action to terminate the contract at the specified date will be necessary until that time arrives, when an expression of either party may determine the matter notice.

I request that no public of this action of mine be given through the press or otherwise

Fraternally Yours

H. Rand

1893

Annual Meeting

Jan 3" The Church this day after Preparatory Lecture without organizing on account of so few of the members being present. Voted to adjourn the meeting to Saturday Jan 9"

" 9" Saturday Jan 9" This day being very Stormy and but few present it was [illegible] and the Church Voted to adjourn to Monday Jan 17" immediately after Morning Service

" 17" The Church after morning Service met as per adjournment

Called to order by the Clerk and Rev Wilbur Reed was chosen Moderator.

The reports of Clerk and Treasurer were called for, read and the Church Voted to accept them.

These officers were chosen for another Year

Clerk — Edward B. Brown
Treas — Elmer H. Corbin
Auditor — James R. Brown

On Motion of Deacon James
Voted. That we Choose two deacons one for four, and one for three years on first ballot. Whole number of votes cast (14) fourteen of these Deacon Corbin had (12) twelve and was declared chosen for (4) four years

Deacons Chosen

Thereon a vote was taken for a deacon for three years. Whole number of votes cast thirteen of these Edward B Brown had (12) twelve and was chosen for three years

On motion of Bro James R Brown
Voted. That the Standing rules of this Church be changed so that we may elect Deacons for a term of years.

Com

1892

On Motion of Deacon Leverton the Church
Voted- That so much of the money in the
treasury as shall be needed to complete the
furnishing of the Ladies Parlor not to exceed
(5) five dollars be appropriated for that purpose
On motion of Bro [illegible] Brown
Voted. That we do now adjourn
[illegible] and Rest
[illegible] Clerk

Total membership of the Church
January 1st 1893 83
Resident Members 64
Non " 9

The following are the contributions
from the Church and Sabbath School during
the Year 1891

	Church		
Home Missions	$ 23.04	Sabbath School	$
Foreign "	22.54	Home Miss	22.60
Am. Miss Ass'n	22.54	Miss West Ed Com	10.00
" Cong'l Union	11.26	Am S.S. Union	16.58
Cong'l S.S. & Pub Soc	11.26	City Miss Society	2.00
New West Ed'n Com	11.26	Home Expenses	16.06
Home Expenses	14.86	Money orders & Postage	.46
Cash in Treasury Jan 1st 1891	11.35		
Womens Board Foreign Missions			$
			233.78
Total			

[illegible] Clerk

1892

March 6th The following persons were received into membership upon profession of their faith March 6th 1892
Edward B. Allen, George A. Furness, and Willie A. Wales.

The following by letter at same time
Mrs Orpha Bemis from M. E. Church in Charlemont Mass
Mr George H. Streeter " M. E. Church in Bernardston "
Miss Sarah Worden " Bapt. Church of the Redeemer N.Y. City

E. B. Brown Ch. Clerk

Apl 30th At a business meeting of the Church after Preparatory Lecture this day Apl 30
The request of Bro Louis J. Allen
requesting that his name be droped from the Church roll of Membership was read by Dea M. H. Corbin.

On Motion of Dea Corbin the Church Voted To choose a committee of two to visit Bro Allen and learn his reasons for making the aforesaid request
M.H. E.B.
Dea. Corbin, and Dea. Brown were chosen that Committee

E. B. Brown Ch Clerk

July 2nd At a business meeting of the Church after Preparatory Lecture this day. The case of Bro Louis J. Allen was taken up. The Committee chosen April 30th Made their report And as Bro Allen gave no valid reasons for wishing his name thus droped after discussion the Church on Motion of Deacon Corbin. Voted To choose another Committee to visit Bro Allen and labor with him as a member of the Church. And on motion of Dea E B Brown Voted That with the exception of Deacon Corbin, the Church Committee be that Committee. Edw B. Brown Ch Clerk
Voted to adjourn

July 3 The following persons were this day received by letter from the Baptist Church in Cunningham - Mass
Mrs Mary F. Mellen
Mrs Wilbur Reed
Mrs Mary Reed
A true record - E B Brown Ch Clerk

" " Morton W Hale was this day received upon profession of his faith

Aug 14" The request of Mrs Lillian E Hitchcock for a letter of dismission from us and recommendation to the Methodist Church in Spencer presented in accordance with the rules of this Church - The Church this day voted to grant the request

Sept 3" At a business meting of the Church after Preparatory Lecture - The Committee chosen July 2" to further investigate the case of Brother Louis S. Allen - who wished his name droped from our Ch records - made their report. Bro Allen withdrawing his request - the vote was unanimously sustained.
A true record. attest - E B Brown Ch. Clerk

Nov 6 The following persons were this day received to membership with this Church on profession of their faith
Mr Stanley W Plympton
Mrs Cornelia Daniels

1893

At the Annual Meeting of the Church held December 31st 1892 the following business was transacted

Meeting called to order by the Clerk

J. Rud Brown was chosen Moderator

Officers Chosen for 1893

Edward B Brown for Clerk
Miner H Corbin " Treas
J Rud Brown " Audr

Report of Clerk was called for and given

Viz - No of death one Mrs Sophia Sherman 1

received on profession for Mr Edward B Allen
" George A Barnes
" Willie A Webber
" Stanley W Plimpton
Mrs Cornelia Daniels 5

No received by letter 6 Rev Wilbur Rand
Mrs Mary J. Rand
" Mary F Miller
" Apha Dennis
Miss Sarah Worden
Mr George H. Streeter 6

Total membership Jan 1st 1893 92
Resident members 74
Non " " 18

Report of Treasurer was called for given by M. H. Corbin on Motion of Deacon James Voted to accept the report

On Motion of Dea D W. James the Church Voted That such money now in the treasury, as is not needed for Church expences be put at interest

On Motion of D. W. H. Corbin Voted That the clerk be instructed to correspond with all non-resident members during the year and ascertain their residence for future reference. Voted to Adjourn

A true record -

Edw B Brown Clerk

The following are the benevolent Contributions of the Church & Sabbath School for the Year 1892

By Church		By Sabbath School	
Foreign Missions	$37.21	American Missionary	$15.81
Home "	30.22	Other Benevolent objects	8.12
American Missionary	18.99	Home Expenses	24.89
Congl S S and P S	6.20		
" West Ch	4.32		
College "	4.32		
Building Fund	4.32		
Exp of Building above	1.67		

February 5th 1893

The request of George E Tarupheat for a letter of dismission from us, and of recommendation to the Congl Church in Bernardston Mass. having been read two weeks, was read again to day February 5th 1893. and the Church voted that the letter be granted Edward B Brown Clerk

" February 12"

The request of Miss Josephine A Emerson for a letter of dismission from us and of recommendation to the First Congl (Trinitarian) Church of Rowe Mass was read to day, and the Church Voted to suspend the rule requiring two weeks notice, and acted upon it this day Voted, that the letter be granted

Attest E. D. Brown Ch. Clerk

The Church voted this day March 5th 1893
to grant the request of Stanley W Plimpton
for a letter of dismission from us and
of recommendation to the Cong'l Church
in Shirbridge.
Attest E B. Brown Ch Clerk

The Church voted this day June 8th 1893
to grant the request of Mrs Sarah H. Goodale
for a letter from us and of recommendation
to the First Cong'l Church of Springfield
Attest E J Brown Ch Clerk of Mass

Selecting a Pastor

A meeting of the First Congregational Church
Brimfield Mass held Tuesday September
in the absence of the Clerk was called to order by
Deacon N. S. Hubbard.
Prayer was offerd by Deacon David W. James
N S Hubbard was elected Moderator and
Julia J Brown Clerk protem.
The object of the meeting was then stated
Viz. To see if the Church is ready to choose
one from the candidates already heard to
become its Pastor
An informal ballot was taken. 12 Votes were
cast. Rev Francis J Fairbanks recd 3 Votes
and Rev Robert J Kyle received 9 "
Voted. To make the result unanimous.
Voted. That a committee of three be chosen to
communicate the doings of the Church to the First
Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield Mass
Julia J Brown
Arthur W Brown
Lucy A Brown

1893

Nov 5th

Mrs Lucina H. Dean was received to Membership with this Church by letter from the First Congregational Church of Dudley Mass

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Annual Church Meeting held by the
Presbyterian Society January 6th 1868
at which time the following business
was transacted viz:

Meeting called to order by the Clerk
W H Corbin was chosen Moderator

The following officers were elected for
the ensuing year

Clerk — Lewis M Brown
Treas — Wm H Corbin
Trustees — Robt Brown

The report of Clerk was called for and
given showing the membership of the Church 81
Non resident members 26

The names of the persons removed during the year
Viz Mrs James S Blain
" Louis Blackmer
Miss Bella L Brown
Your have taken into the communion
George Edmonson
Stanley N Simpson — Cert
Miss Josephine Edmonson — by letter
Mrs Sarah Hoffman — Cert

The report of Treasurer was called for and given
Voted - That the report of the Treasurer be accepted and recorded
On Motion of L Mrs Brown
Voted That the Standing rules of this Church
be so amended that the Trustees shall consist
of five of which the Pastor or Stated Supply
the Pastor or Stated Supply with four Trustees shall
Voted - That we have a roll call of the Church
Voted - That there be a committee of three to take the letters in charge
and Edward D Brown, Mrs Robert G Kyle, Mrs Wm Brown
were chosen that committee. Voted to

1893

For Relief fund -		Contributions reported	$
From Church		From Sabbath School	
Home Missions	12.40		
N.Y.A.M.A.	16.20	N.W. Ed" Com	$ 7.00
A.B.C.F.M.	19.30	Cong" SS. + Publish Soc	6.24
Com" S.S. + Pub"	1.50	Man SS Association	6.40
" C.E. Soc	11.00	To Church - McCook Nebr	5.73
A.C. + E. Soc"	10.00	Postage + Grains	30
Aid to Rev Mr Powers	4.50	Women Expenses	8.10
Am. Ed. Soc"	4.60		
	79.50		$33.81

Postage + etc	74
Total Amount	$80.24

By Womans Missionary Society for
Womens Board of Foreign Missions $32.50
$146.55

Total for the Year

Sunday May 27th

The request of Mrs Chas D Griggs
for a Letter of dismission from this
Church, and recommendation to the
Clarendon Cong" Church of Hyde Park
was this day presented and the Church
Voted to Grant the request -
Attest -

E B Sumner Clerk

Business Meeting June 30th 1894

At a business meeting of the Church held after Preparatory Lecture this afternoon the following business was transacted

In the absence of the Clerk
Deacon Newton S Hubbard was chosen Moderator and Herbert M Corbin clerk pro tem
the Church Voted. That so much of the Money from the First Sundays Collections as is needed be used for Communion expenses. the remainder if any be appropriated for Parish expenses
Attest Herbert M. Corbin } Clerk pro tem
Edward B Brown. Clerk

To the Prudential Committee of the First Parish or Congregational Society of Brimfield
Greeting
At a business meeting of the Church held Nov 3rd 1894 it was
Voted unanimously that this Church take measures to install the Rev Robert J. Kyle as Pastor of this Church and Society

Voted That a Committee of three be chosen to confer with the Parish in carrying out the above vote

Voted Edward B. Brown
Arthur B. Brown } Com"
George H Streeter }

Attest Edward B. Brown Ch Clerk

Brimfield
Nov 3rd 1894

Pursuant to call by letters missive, an ecclesiastical Council met with the First Congregational Church in Brimfield, Thursday, December 6th 1894. at 10:30 A.M. to advise in regard to the settlement of Rev Robert J. Kyle as minister of the church and society.

The council was called to order by Rev Mr Hayward, who read the call and was elected Moderator. Made choice of Henry K. Hyde as scribe. After prayer by the Moderator, the roll of the council was read up as follows. (9 churches represented by 7 pastors and 6 delegates as follows)

Churches Represented

Sturbridge	Rev ——— Pastor	Bro	Haynes Dea
Palmer	——— "	Bro W. A. Breckenridge	"
Monson	" F. A. Hatch "	" Carpenter	"
Brookfield	" E. C. Ingalls "	" ———	
North " First	" A. J. Dyer "	"	"
Gilbertville	" A. Tilcomb "	———	"
Holland	" O. Bissell "	———	"
West East	" A. B. Bassett "	Henry R. Hyde	"
Globe Village	Silvanus Hayward		

The records of Parish and Church clerks were read and accepted as satisfactory. Upon the credentials of Rev Mr Kyle. After a statement by the candidate of his Experience and Belief and his Examination by members of the council, it was Voted unanimously to proceed to the ordination of Rev Mr Kyle. The moderator, scribe and Mr Kyle were appointed a committee to arrange a program for the afternoon service. Who reported as follows.

Program for the Afternoon

Anthem - choir
Reading minutes of Council of Rev Mr Burrell
Reading scripture and prayer "
Hymn by Congregation
Sermon " Rev Mr Burrell
Solo . Mrs Fred A Ruggles
Installing Prayer " Rev Mr Ingalls
Charge to Pastor " " " Kalich
Charge to People " " " Hayward
Right Hand of Fellowship " " Dyer
Hymn by Congregation
Benediction by Pastor Rev Mr Kyle

After the authorization of the scribe to complete the records it was voted that the Council stand adjourned sine die at the close of the installation service

(Signed) Silvanus Hayward Moderator
(Attest) Henry K. Kyle Scribe

1895

Annual Church Meeting held after
Preparatory Lecture June 3rd 1895
Deacon Miner H Corbin was chosen
Moderator
Report of Clerk was given for the year
ending January 1st 1895
Report of Treas was then given and on
Motion of E B Brown it was voted that
the report of Treas be accepted and record
when audited

Whole membership of Church Jan 1st	93
Non resident members 24	24

Officers Chosen for 1895

Edward B Brown Ch Clerk
Miner H Corbin Treas
James C Brown Auditor

On motion of Arthur B Brown
Voted. To choose a deacon for a term
of four years made unanimous choice
of Edward B Brown

Three of our number have died during
the year Mr Elisha C Marsh. Mrs Catherine
Paige, and Mrs Walter Haynes

One has taken a letter of dismission
Mrs Charles D Griggs to the
Clarendon Congl Church of Hyde Park Mass

Attest E B Brown church clerk

The Benevolent Contributions reported in 1864

From Church

A.B.C.F.M.	$17.65
A.M.A.	14.05
C.S.S. & P.S.	11.69
H.M.	9.10
A.E. Soc	8.85
C.C. & B. Soc	7.92
Womens B. & F.M.	38.00
	$107.26

From Sabbath School for Benevolence $32.10

Annual Church meeting held January 4th
immediately after Preparatory Lecture
The following business was transacted.

Dea N. S Hubbard was chosen Moderator
The report of the Clerk was called for and given

On Motion of Dea M. H. Corbin it was
Voted. That the report of the Clerk be accepted

Report of Treasurer was given
On motion of E B Brown it was
Voted. That the report of Treasurer be accepted

The following Officers were chosen for the year
For Clerk made choice of E. B. Brown
Treas " " " M. H. Corbin
Auds " " " E B Brown

On Motion of M H Corbin it was
Voted. That when we adjourn, we adjourn
to the last Saturday in February at 3 Oclock P. M.

On Motion of M H Corbin it was
Voted. That a Committee of three be Chosen
to take into consideration the publishing of
a Church manual

Com (Dea N S Hubbard
" E B Brown
" E B Brown)

Voted. That we do now adjourn

Personal Contributions of the members of
the B.C.T.U. — $ 2.
Court in county "5.
" Grand Building "5.
" Town Hall " 10.
Mrs. Moore's Circle 20.
King's Daughters 8.
other Benevolences
$ 123.00

By the Secretary
Amount received from Miscellaneous Sources 3.75
$ 21.35

Attest

E. P. Brown Sec'y

March

Attest E B Brown Cl Clerk

1897

January 2nd

Annual Meeting of this Church held to-day at which the following business was transacted
Rev Robert J Kyle was chosen moderator

The report of the Clerk was called for and given which showed the present membership to be 84
Of this number 31 are Males and 53 Females
Resident Membership 60 Non resident Membership 24
Admissions during the year 4
Dismissions none
Deaths one Mrs Orpha Dennis
The report of the Treasurer was then called for and given. On motion of Dea Hubbard it was
Voted that the reports of Clerk and Treasurer be accepted and recorded

Officers Chosen

For Clerk E B. Brown
" Treas M H Corbin
" Aud^r J R Brown

On Motion of Dea Hubbard it was
Voted - That we choose a Deacon for a term of three years (3) resulting in the unanimous choice of M. H. Corbin.

Dea Chosen

The report of the Committee chosen at the last annual Church meeting. to take into consideration the publishing of a Church Manual was called for and given by the Clerk after which
On motion of Dea Corbin it was
Voted That the Com^te Complete the manual and when completed cause it to be printed
Voted That the number of copies printed be left to the discretion of the Committee

Manual

Contributions of the Church for the year 1896
Viz –

Home Missions	$14.60
Foreign "	11.68
American Missionary Assᵒⁿ	14.60
Congˡ S.S. and Pubˡ Soc'y	9.09
Congˡ Church Building Soc'y	8.13
" Educational Society	8.79
Home Expenses (Sunday Coll)	27.39
Total Contributions in S.S. School	30.59
	$124.87
For Womans Board of Missions	35.00
	159.87

Attest E B Brown Clerk

Jan 3ʳᵈ 1897

Miss Barbara J Kirk was received this day to Membership by letter from the Methodist Episcopal Church in Coolville Ohio

Attest E B Brown clerk

At the annual meting of the Principle Benevolent Society held Jan 2ⁿᵈ 1897. it was Voted to discontinue the said Benevolent Society, and turn over all monies, papers, and effects of the society to the Church Treasurer, and all collections and disbursements for benevolent objects hereafter be done through the Church

Attest E B Brown clerk

Benevolent Society

May 1ˢᵗ 1897

At a business meting of this Church held after Preparitory Lection this day, the ~~following~~ Church voted to reconsider a vote taken at an informal meting extending an invitation to the Congregation worshiping at the Hall, and Voted – To the Church and Congregations over which the late Rev W. K. Pierce has formerly been Pastor Whereas Divine Providence has removed by death Your beloved pastor and teacher, Therefore we do kindly invite and cordially welcome you all, to unite with us in worshiping at the Church

— 1897 —

May 1st A Meeting held after Preparatory Lecture

Vacancy in Manual Committee

Voted. To fill vacancy on Manual Committee caused by the death of Deacon Hubbard and Miner H Corbin was chosen

Choice of Deacons

On Motion of Deacon Corbin the Church Voted. To chose two Deacons for a term of four years, resulting in the choice of Arthur B. Brown and Geo H Streeter

attest E B Brown Clerk

May 3d The Church Voted this day to receive the following persons by Letter

Frederick Bissell from the Congregational Church in Westford Ct

Mr and Mrs Melvin Booth from the First Congregational Church of Hollliston Mass

attest E B Brown clerk

Feb 14 Feby 14th The Church this day Voted to grant the request of Deacon David W. James Mrs Junette James and Miss Cora B James for Letters of dismission and recommendation to the

January 1st 1898

The Annual business meeting of the Church was adjourned to Saturday January 8th at 2 O'clock. at that date it was again adjourned to meet on Tuesday Jan 11th

Tuesday January 11th. The Church met according to adjournment Edward B Brown was chosen moderator

The following officers were chosen for the year ensuing

For Clerk Edward B Brown
" Treas Miner H Corbin
" Asst James Reed Brown

The report of the Clerk was given which showed a decrease in membership, by death and removal

Died during the year 1897 Dea Newton S Hubbard Aged 80
Bro Marcus Hitchcock " 89
Sister Lucy Foster
" Anna (Holbrook) Brown " 85
" Ruth Moon
" Nancy Foskett " 82

Dismissed during the year 1897
Dea David W James
Mrs Janette James
Miss Cora E James

Received during the year 1897
Miss Barbara L Kirk
Mr Frederick Bissell
Mr Melvin Booth
Mrs Melvin Booth

Leaving the present membership Seventy Nine (79)
Resident Members 57 Non Resident Members 22
The Treasurers Report was also given and accepted

The Contributions reported during the past year are as follows

By the Church		By the Sabbath School	
Home Missions	$21.15	Amt for home use	$5.05
Foreign Missions	24.57	" " General "	16.33
Home Miss Association	21.57	Total	$21.38
S.S. Pub Society	14.70		
Cong Building Society	3.87		
Cong Educational "	12.12		
Woman's Board Missions for Foreign Missions	33.00		
For Home Expenses	33.15		
	173.67		

Total benevolence of Church and S. School $194.05

March 27" This Church having received invitation from the Church in Warren to assist Council in dismissing their pastor. appointed Dea Edward B Brown delegate

E B Brown Clerk

May 1st The Church voted to choose delegates to the Brookfield Conference to be held at West Brookfield. on May 3rd and 4th delegates chosen Dea Arthur B Brown, and Melvin Bowie

E B Brown Clerk

15th 16th The Church voted to choose delegates to attend the meeting at Greenfield the 17. 18. and 19th of the Mid Association of Congl Churches. and Dea George H Streeter was appointed delegate

E B Brown Clerk

Oct 2" Voted. To accept the invitation of the Congl Church in Warren to assist Council in settling Rev W. B. Olson as their pastor. and Bro of Read Brown was chosen our delegate

E B Brown Clerk

Nov 5" Rec'd by letter this day on Recommendation from Congl Church in Lime R.H. Mrs Maud Bean George

1898–9

Dec 31st

The Annual business meeting of the Church held December 31st 1898
Dea George H Stanton was chosen Clerk protem. and Rev Robert J. Kile was chosen Moderator
Voted. To adjourn to Tuesday January 3rd 1899 at 1 o'clock P.M.
Attest- George H Stanton Clerk protem

Jan. 3rd 1899

Adjourned annual business meeting of the Church held January 3rd 1899

Meeting called to order by the Clerk
In the absence of the Moderator. Bro James Read Brown was chosen moderator pro. tem
The reports of Clerk and Treasurer was called for and given.
Voted. That the reports be accepted

Voted; To pass over the choice of Officers

Choice of Deacon Jany 3rd 1899

Voted: To choose a Deacon to serve for a term of four years. Made choice of Edward D. Brown

Voted; That when we adjourn we adjourn to Sunday Jan 8th 1899 immediately after the morning service to hear the reading of the Manual as compiled by the Committee and act thereon
Voted: That we do now adjourn
Attest E B Brown Ch Clerk

Adjourned annual meeting of the Church held immediately after Morning Service this eighth (8) day of January 1899

Meeting called to order by the Moderator Rev P. J. Tyler. Clerk gave the report of the last Meeting after which the Committee on Manual submitted their report. On Motion of Dea Arthur B Brown Voted; That the report of the Committee be accepted and adopted.

Voted to adjourn

Attest E B Brown Ch Clerk

The Benevolent Contributions of the Church reported for the year 1898 are as follows

Home Missions	24.32
Foreign "	18.79
American Missionary Assn	20.09
S.S. and Publishing Society	16.56
Congl Church Building Society	12.68
" Educational "	12.26
Womans Board of Missions	30.00
Home expences	39.96
Total	154.56

One of our Members has died during the year Miss Mehitable F Sumner. One has been rec'vd to Membership by letter Mrs Maud Bean George.

our Membership is the same as last year 79

No of Male members	30
" " Females	49

of this no 57 are resident Members

and " 22 Nonresident Members.

Jan 1st The Church Voted this day January 1st 1899 to receive by letter from the North Congl Church of Middleboro Mass Miss Lillian M Booth

" " This certifies that Thomas J. Dardy was received to Membership of this Church this day upon profession of his faith. Jan 1st 1899.
Attest E B Brown Ch Clerk

Dec 24 This certifies that Mrs Minnie J Royce was this day granted by Vote of the Church a Letter of dismission from us, and a letter of recommendation to the Congregational Church in Staffordville Ct
Attest. E B Brown Ch Clk

1900

Annual Business meeting of the Church held this Sixth day of January A.D. 1900

Meeting called to order by the Clerk. and Deacon M. N. Corbin was chosen Moderator.

The following Officers were chosen for the year ensuing.

For Clerk Edward B. Brown

" Treas M. N. Corbin

" Audt S. Rud. Brown

The reports of Clerk. and Treasurer were called for and given. Voted that the reports be accepted.

Voted - That the there being fifty three Sabbaths during the Year 1899 that the Collections for the 53d Sabbath be appropriated for Home expences.

Voted That the Letters of Mr and Mrs Wm. T Green be accepted

One Member has died during the year

Bro James T. Brown who died Sept 26th 1899

One Member has been added by Letter

Miss Lillian M. Boring North Cong Church Middletown Ms

One has been granted a Letter of dismission Mrs William A Rogers to the Congregational Church in Staffordville Conn

One has united with this Church upon profession of Faith

Bro Thomas J Pardy. received to Membership January 1st 1899

The Membership of the Church Jan 1st 1900 is 79

Of this No 57 are resident Members and 22 Non Resident Members

Voted To Choose a Deacon to serve for a term of Four Years. made unanimous choice of Deacon Miner N Corbin

Benevolent Contributions of Church & Sabbath School for the year

Church		Sabbath School	
For Home Missions	$30.00	For Home Expences	$2.00
" Foreign Missions	19.00	" Benevolent Objects	26.00
" Womens Board Foreign Missions	26.00		
" American Missionary Association	20.00	By the Y.P.S.C.E.	
" Cong Sabbath School and Publishing Society	13.00	Contributions	13.00
" Cong Church Building Society	12.00		165.66
" Cong Educational Society	13.00		$233.66
" Other Objects	1.66		
" Home Expences	31.00		
	$165.66		

1900

The Membership of the Young People Society of Christian Endeavor. Senior Members 24. Associate Members 2. Total 26
Junior C. E. Members 18

March 4 Voted to receive by letter from the Methodist Episcopal Church in Ellicott Falls Maine Mr & Mrs William T. Curry
They were received at the Communion held this fourth day of March in the year A.D. 1900.

July 12 The following persons were this day received to membership of this Church by letter.
Mr and Mrs Gilbert L. Brown from North Bangor Church of Manchester Conn.
Mrs Lydia Salisbury from the Methodist Episcopal Church of Orange Mass
Mr Elmer B Booth from the First Congl Church in Holliston Mass
And the following persons upon profession of faith
Miss Mabel N Brown and Miss Estella Fitts

1901

Annual Church Meeting held Jan 5th 1901

Meeting called to order by The Clerk

Rev William P Clancy was chosen Moderator

Prayer was offerd by Moderator

Report of the Clerk was called for and given after which it was.

Voted: That the report of the Clerk be accepted and recorded, after which the

Report of The Treasurer was given, and it was.

Voted: That the report of the Treasurer be accepted and recorded

Voted: That the Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Clerk, Treasurer, and Auditor the meting nominated for Clerk—

Edward P Brown

For Treasurer Miner N Corbin

" Auditor Frederick Bissell

Voted: That Our benevolence be collected, and distributed the same as last year

Voted: That the Standing Committee of this Church be a committe to assist the clerk in conferring with Non resident members of the Church with reference to their wish of continuing as Members of this Church.

1900

My Dear Friends

An agreement between this Church and Parish, and Myself stipulates that either desiring to terminate the pastoral relation shall give three months notice of the fact.

Six years and three months ago you very heartily and unanimously called me to this pastorate. God is my witness that I have endeavored faithfully and as far as my strength would permit to perform the duties of my office; first in such a way as to bring it to pleasure to God, and for the best good of all. I trust I have been no mans man. For five years it has been the chief desire of my heart to glorify Christ in your midst. Not preaching according to the methods of the theologian, but perhaps through the direct and more emotional machine of the evangelist though the Christian Church is better for both the theologian and the evangelist.

I have conceived of Christ being the worlds redeemer in a very comprehensive sense.

Therefore along the broadest lines I have tried to hold Christ up as the worlds, social, industrial, moral, and religious hope, but always through the individual acceptance of him as master and Lord. Of my defects and failures I am conscious, and you have been very kind and patient through it all. My pastorate has been a most pleasant one. Your financial support has been generous, and your obligations in this respect have been promptly and cheerfully discharged, enabling me with a good degree of satisfaction to pay all my bills in decent time. I am for more grateful for the evidences of love and appreciation with which you have blessed me than words can express, and if my poor humble services

have been blessed to the good of any soul I give God the praise. The action this morning will mean the severance of many precious ties, and I wish to express my profound and sincere gratitude to all who during these years have had the true interests of the kingdom of Christ at heart. Two years ago at the approach of the Annual Meeting I expressed a wish that I might then be relieved and have another take my place

But now the time has come when I feel the need of a change. I therefore tender you my resignation as Pastor of this Church and Parish which I desire to take effect on the thirty first day of March A.D. 1900 which will complete a term of Six years and Six Months. In view of this I ask both Church, and Society to join me in calling an ecclesiastical Council at an early date for the purpose of advising in the matter and if thought best dissolve the pastoral relation.

Now the God of peace who brought again from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep with the blood of the eternal covenant even our Lord Jesus make you perfect in every good thing to do his will working in his sight- through Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever and ever Amen.

Yours Very Truly

R. J. Kyle

Brimfield Jan 7th 1900

Feb'y 5th

At a Special Meeting of this Church held Tenth day of February A.D. 1900 the following business was transacted Viz-
Meeting called to order by the Clerk
Made choice of Bro James Reed Brown for Moderator.
The letter of resignation of Rev Mr. Kyle was presented to the meting, and it was
Voted. That we accept of the resignation of Our Pastor Rev. Robert J. Kyle

Voted. That the Clerk be instructed to notify the parish of the action of the Church, and ask them to unite with this Church and Pastor, in calling an Ecclesiastical Council to advise with them and if deemed expedient to dissolve the pastoral relation.

Voted to choose a Committee of (3) Three to carry the above Votes into effect-

George N. Strutin. Miner N. Corbin
Edward B Brown Com.

[Copy of Letter Missive]

Whereas our Pastor has tendered his resignation of the Pastoral Office, and has asked this Church and Society to unite with him in calling a council to consider the expediency of dissolving his pastoral relation with authority to terminate if by them judged advisable, in accordance with his request we invite you to be represented by Pastor and Delegate at an Ecclesiastical Council to be held in the Vestry of this Church on Thursday next March 15th at ten o'clock A. M. to consider his request and if

deemed advisable to dissolve the pastoral relation

(Signed,) R. J. Kyle Pastor

Deacons George N. Streeter, Miner N Corbin.
And Edward B Brown
Committee of the Church

Edward Bliss and James Rud Brown
Committee of the Society

Brimfield March 5th 1900

[Result of Council]

In accordance with this Letter Missive, a Council convened at the Church in Brimfield, and was called to order at ten o'clock by the Rev Mr Haywood of Southbridge who read the Letter Missive.
The Rev Mr Harrison of the Second Cong'l Church of Palmer was chosen Moderator, at the request of Mr Harrison the Rev Mr Blanchard of Brookfield led in Prayer. Rev Mr Gaylord of West Brookfield was chosen Scribe.

The Churches invited are the following.

The Congregational Church in Brookfield
" " " " Holland
" Second " " " Palmer
" " " " Monson
" Union " " " Southbridge
" " " " Sturbridge
" " " West Brookfield
" East " " " Ware
" " " " Warren

The Churches invited were represented as follows

over

Churches represented.

Ware 2d	——— Pastor	———	Del."
Monson	——— "	———	"
Brookfield 1st	E B Blanchard "	G Frank Miller	"
W. Brookfield	J H Gaylord "	Dea H J. Weedon	"
Warren	W. B. Olcott "	" Frank G Gleason	"
Palmer	F. B. Harrison "	" J. B. Shaw	"
Sturbridge	A. M. Rice "	Stanley Plimpton	"
Globe Village	S. Haywood "	———	"
Holland	J. G Willis "	Dea Henry Switzer	"

A majority being present the resignation of the Pastor was read and also the action of the Church accepting this resignation and calling a council. The action of the Parish concurring with the Church was also read. After remarks by the Pastor Mr Kyle the Council voted to be by itself.

It was then unanimously voted to formally dismiss Brother Kyle and appoint a Committee Consisting of the Moderator, Scribe, and Reverend Mr Olcott to draw up suitable resolutions. The following resolutions were accepted and adopted

Resolutions. - At a council of neighboring Church called by the Congregational Church Brimfield, Mass. Thursday, March 15th 1900. it was unanimous voted to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between said Congregational Church of Brimfield and its pastor Rev. R. J. Kyle, said dissolution to take effect March 31st 1900

The council is pleased to put on record their appreciation of Bro. Kyle's faithful ministry, and to give full recognition of the amicable and harmonious Co-operation of pastor and people during a ministry of more than six years

The Council would specially commend the high sense of obligation to the interests of the Masters Kingdom that has actuated Bro. Kyle in

all his record among the people
The Council cordially recommend Bro Ryle to the Churches as an earnest, faithful, and wise Minister of the Gospel

Signed { Fredrick B Harrison - Mod
J Howard Gaylord - Scribe
William B Olcott

After prayer by the Rev. Mr Olcott the Council was adjourned sine die

Fredrick B Harrison = Moderator
Per J. H. G.
J Howard Gaylord - Scribe

Feby 9th At a Special Meeting of this Church held this tenth day of February A.D. 1900 the following business was transacted

The Meeting was called to order by the Clerk. Bro James Reed Brown was chosen Moderator

Voted That the Letter of resignation, read by our Pastor Rev. Robert J. Tyle January the Seventh 1900 be accepted

Voted That the Clerk be instructed to notify the Parish of our action, and ask them to unite with the Church and pastor, in calling an Ecclesiastical Council to advise with them and if deemed expedient to dissolve the pastoral relation.

Voted To choose a Committee of three to carry the above Votes into effect

Horace B Chester. Miner C Corbin

Edward B Brown. "Com"

Voted. That we do now adjourn

Attest Edward B Brown Church Clerk

February 20th At a Meeting of the Church called on petition of certain members, and held on Tuesday the twentieth day of February, the business was as follows.

In the absence of the Clerk, the Meeting was called to order by Deacon Miner C. Corbin, and Deacon Corbin was chosen Moderator.

Clarence B Brown was chosen Clerk pro tempore

The object of the Meeting was stated by the Clerk

Resolutions passed by the Congregational Church of Epping N.H. in regard to Rev. William P. Clancy were read by the Moderator. Remarks were made by Messrs James Reed Brown. Melvin Boyce

Clarence B. Brown and Mrs Melvin Booth.

On Motion of Bro Melvin Booth it was Voted
Voted That we extend an invitation to the Rev William P. Clancy to become pastor of this Church in the Gospel ministry. Whole No of Votes cast ---- 17 Yes--- 12. No---5. Blank---- 0 Total--17

Voted That the Parish be notified of this action in the Church and asked to concur in the invitation

Voted That a Committee of two be chosen to act with the Committee of the Parish in carrying the above Votes into effect. Bro Melvin Booth and Fred Bissell, Com

Voted That we do now adjourn
A true Record attest,
Clarence B Brown Clerk
Bridgeport

As a small number attended the Church meeting on February the 20th. It was thought best to call another meeting in order to give all of the members of the Church an opportunity to vote for a pastor. A meeting was therefore called on March 31st. A.D. 1900

Result of Meeting

Meeting called to order by the Clerk.
Bro James Reid Brown was chosen Moderator.
On Motion of Edward B Brown it was Voted
That we extend an invitation to the Rev William P Clancy to become pastor of this Church in the Gospel ministry Whole No of Votes cast..... 22
Yes---15. No---7..... 22

Voted On Motion of Dea Corbin it was voted That we choose a Com^e of four (4) to carry the above vote into effect.
Voted That the four Deacons be that Committee
Viz Wm H Corbin, Edward B Brown, Wm B Brown & George H Strutt Com^e
Voted That the Clerk be instructed to confer with non resident Members in matters with reference to their taking letters or ascertaining their wish in the

March 31. The Church Voted. To contribute the sum of (50) Ten dollars for the purpose of providing with your Church a fund the income of which is to be used for the support of preaching among the foreign elements in our Cities and towns.

Voted That we do now adjourn
Attest Edward B Brown Ch Clerk

Gilead Conn
April 3rd 1900

Committee of the First Congregational Church and Society. Brimfield Mass

Dear Brethren

Your favor of March 31st by the hand of Dea. M K. Corbin announcing the action of your Church and Society. Whereby you extend to me an invitation to serve you as pastor for one year from April 1st is before me.

In reply I have in your Action not only an Expression of the will of the Church but also of the Master. I accept your invitation praying that the Lord will give You and me Grace to meet the obligations involved in our Mutual Action. Of this account will be the pastors endeavor without hearty Cooperation on the part of the people and the blessing of God. With this on our part God promises large returns.

To this end let us join in work and prayer for the ensuing year

Yours faithfully W P. Clancy

1901

Annual Church meting held in the Ladies parlor on Saturday January 5th '01

The meting was called to order by the Clerk

Rev William O Clancy was chosen Moderator

Prayer was offered by the moderator after which the report of the Clerk was called for and given it was Voted that the report be accepted and recorded

The report of the Treasurer was then given and it was Voted that the report of Treasurer be accepted and recorded

Voted that the Clerk be instructed to cast one vote for Clerk Treasurer and Auditor he meting Nominated

For Clerk Edward B Brown
" Treas. Miner K Corbin
" Aud Frederick Bissell
" Aud

Voted That our benevolences be collected and distributed the same as last year

Voted. That the standing Committee of the Church be a committee to ~~confer~~ Assist the Clerk in conferring with Non resident members with reference to their wish of Continuing as Members of this Church

Voted. To Adjourn

Attest Edward B Brown Clerk

The Benevolent Contributions by the Church and Sunday School for the year 1900 are as follows.

By the Church.

For Home Missions 27.83

over

		27.85
For Foreign Missions	~~20.82~~	20.82
" American Missionary Association		27.42
" Sunday School and Pub Society		20.92
" Congregational Church Building Society		14.28
" Congregational Educational Society		11.52
" Freed Famine fund		11.75
" Holland Church		6.00 140.54

By the Sunday School
Total Contributions for the year 29.58

To Contributed by the Brimfield Auxiliary
for the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions
for the year 1900 27.00

Total Benevolences for the Year $177.12

Jan 6

The Church Voted this day January the 6th '01
to receive by letter from the Congregational Church in
Buckland Mass Mrs F. Edgar Brown.

Saturday May 4th 1901. The Church Voted this day to receive by letter from the Congl Church in Gilead Ct.
Rev William P. Clancy. Mrs A E. Clancy. Miss Zola M Clancy. George L Clancy. Agnes J Clancy
Attest- E B. Brooks Clk Clerk

The Church Benevolence for the year 1901

For Home Missions	$39.48
" Foreign "	24.75
" Congl S.S. & Publishing Society	22.24
" " Church Building "	16.54
" " Educational "	14.12
" American Missionary Association	6.62
" Ministerial Aid	2.30
" India Orphans	5.00
" Texas Sufferers	10.00
" Home of Little Wanderers	3.68
" Home Rec	34.51
" Womans Auxiliary Board of Missions	3.71
From Sabbath School	
For Expences	26.75
" Benevolence	15.08
" Benevolence Society (Quilt of Clothing)	7.00 314.81

Jan 4th Annual Church Meeting held Jan 4th
Meeting Called to order by the Clerk
Edward B Brown was chosen Moderator
Prayer was offered by the pastor.

Reports from the Clerk, Treasurer, Ladies Benevolent Society, Ladies Missionary Society, Womens Board of Foreign Missions, S. School and the Society of Y.P.S.C.E were all given and accepted

Election of Officers
Clerk Edward B. Brown
Treas Elmer K. Corbin
Auditor James Rud Brown

Deacons Chosen

On Motion of Bro J. Rud Brown it was
Voted. To choose two deacons one for the term of (3) three years, and one for the term of (4) four years.
Made choice of Gilbert E. Brown for the term of (3) Three years. and Arthur B Brown for the term of (4) four years.

Voted That our benevolent contributions be collected and distributed the same as last year

Voted To grant Mrs Sarah (Fowler) Chapman a letter of dismission from this Church and that the Clerk be requested to secure from the Clerk of the Bolus Baptist Church of Kansas City Mo notice of her membership in that Church.

Voted On Motion of Bro E. K. Corbin to drop from our roll of Church Membership the following names. Gardenier Loveless, Mrs Emma Blair, Mr Wm W. Griggs. Mrs Nellie (Griggs) Griggs Mrs W. H. Miss Agnes C. Bullard. Miss Anna Hubbard. Arthur M. Woolworth and Calvin C. Richardson

The Church voted this sixteenth day of February. to grant Miner B. Booth a letter of dismission from this church, and recommended him to the Congl Church in Manitou. Colorado.

Attest E B Brown Clerk

A special meeting of the First Congl Church of Brimfield Mass. was held on Wednesday June 11-1902.

Called to order by the Clerk

Rev Mr Bridgman Pastor of the Church was present and prayed

Deacon Miner G Curtis.

The object of the meeting was then stated viz to see if the Church is ready to choose one from the candidates already heard to become its pastor.

On Motion of Dea A. B. Brown Voted. That we take an informal ballot

Whole No of Votes cast 18

Daniel B Wyman had	13
George H Cruchfield	2
No	1
Blanks	3

On motion of E. V. Brown Voted to proceed with a formal ballot

Whole No of Votes cast 18

Daniel B Wyman had	12
George H. Crutchfield	1
Blanks	5

Over

Special Meeting Wednesday June 11th

June 1 On Motion of E.B. Brown, Voted: That when we adjourn it be to meet immediately after the Lecture on Saturday July 5th 1902

On Motion of E.B. Brown voted That we accept the invitation of the Cong.l Church in Spencer to attend the installation of the Rev Channey J. Hawkins as its Pastor, and made choice of Dea Wm H. Corbin as our delegate.

Voted That we do now adjourn

Attest E.B. Brown
Ch Clerk

July 5th

At the Adjourned meeting of the Church held this 5th day of July. in the Ladies Parlor. The Moderator being absent. Meeting called to order by the Clerk, Dea Wm H. Corbin was chosen Moderator pro tempor.

Meeting opened with prayer by Bro Melvin Booth, after which the report of the previous meeting was called for and read. The moderator called for a personal expression of views, pro and con with reference to calling Rev Daniel B Wyman as our pastor.

On Motion of Williams A Wilbur voted to take an informal expression of the Church the vote be taken by rising resulting as follows- Yes ... 15 No 0

On Motion of Wm A Wilbur, Voted. To reconsider the vote of the previous meeting calling Rev Mr Wyman in order to make it unanimous. Whole No of Votes cast-

Yes ---- 15
No ---- 2
17

On Motion of Mrs Gilbert L. Brown, Voted: That the Church invite the Parish to unite with us in extending a call to Rev Daniel B Wyman to become pastor of this Church.

On Motion of E.B. Allen voted to choose a Com. of three by nomination to carry the above vote into effect. Voted that the Clerk be instructed to notify the Parish Com. to report. Com. E.B. Brown, E.B. Allen and Melvin Booth

Voted That we do now adjourn

Attest E.B. Brown Ch Clerk

Call of Pastor

Sept 23 A Business Meeting of the Church held in the Ladies Parlor on Tuesday Sept 23rd 1902

Meeting was called to order by the Clerk

Dea Elmer H. Corbin was chosen Moderator and opened the meeting with prayer

The object of the meeting was then stated, to see if the Church was ready to choose a pastor from the candidates already heard.

On motion of Arthur B Brown it was voted to proceed with an informal ballot for choice of pastor.

Whole no of Votes cast (Seventeen)

Of these Rev Samuel Eaton had 16

Rev Frederick A Bateman " 1

On Motion of Clarence B Brown it was Voted to proceed with a formal ballot.

Whole no of Votes cast Eighteen 18

Rev Samuel Eaton receiving the whole no 18

And was unanimously elected

Rev Samuel Eaton Commenced his pastorate Sun Oct 26 1902

On motion of Frederick Bissell it was voted, to inform the Parish of the action of the Church and ask them to concur in the same.

On Motion of Willis A Weber it was voted. that we Choose a Committee of Three to carry the above vote into effect Willis A. Weber, Clarence B Brown

Melvin Booth

Com

On motion of Frederick Bissell it was voted that we do now adjourn

Attest E B Brown Clerk

Add

The Church Voted this 1st Sunday November 1st 1902. To receive to our membership from the First Congl Church in Evanston Illinois. Mrs Alice Ormes Allen

Attest E B Brown Clerk

1902

Dec 8 The Church Voted this day December 8th 02 to grant the request of Miss Barbara J Kirk for a letter of dismission from this Church and recommendation to the First Old South Congl Church of Worcester Mass.
Attest.
E. B. Brown Clerk

1903

Annual business meeting of the Church held in the Ladies parlor on Saturday Jan 3rd 1903

Meeting called to order by the Clerk
Made choice of Rev Samuel Easton for Moderator
Meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator

Election of Officers
Edward B. Brown Clerk
Miner N. Corbin Treasurer
Frederick Bissell Auditor

Deacon Church

Edward B. Brown was chosen a Deacon for a term of four years.
The reports were called for and given
Voted to accept and adopt them.
The death of one number Mrs Henry F. Brown, and dismission of Mrs Sarah L. Worden Chapman Miss B. Booth, Miss Barbara L. Tirk (3) And the striking off the names of ten (10) Members at the last Annual Meeting of the Church. Leaves our present Membership 65
39 Resident and 26 Non Resident Members.
Males 23. and Females 42.
On Motion, it was Voted that the money left in the Church treasury be appropriated for the ministerial fund
Voted. That the benevolences of the Church be collected and distributed the same as last year.
Voted to adjourn E. B. Brown Ch Clerk

The benevolences of the Church for the year 1902 Viz

Home Missions 39.42	Cong'l S.S. Society	13.10	
American Mission 2.00	Paid Money Order & postage	.60	33.25
Foreign Missions 23.00	Aged and disabled Ministers	2.30	
S.S.&P.S. Society 16.85	Paid for Communion	3.90	
Cong'l C.S. Building Soc. 12.00	Church Expenses for Parish	309.58	

4.00 1903

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Woman Board of Missions Receipts of the year $41.54
Paid for foreign work 37.00
Expenses of the year 2.65
Balance .69

The Ladies Benevolent Society
A Bbl of clothing estimated Value 26.00
also a box of clothing. books ec. 21.00
for aid in S.S. in founding a S.S. in the West 5.00
to aid a colored orphanage in Charleston 5.00
Freight paid 3.54
To paid for Carpet 13.75
Balance now in Treasury 9.17 ---74.29

Christian Endeavor Society Total Membership 28
Balance on hand Jany 1st 1902. $1.22
Collections for the year 1.30 $2.52
Paid for Union Programs 1.25
" " Topic Cards 1.28 $2.53

Whole no in the Sunday School 90
Average Attendance 48
Total Collections for the year $23.75
Home Expenses 24.30
Benevolence 13.00

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January 3

The following persons were this day received by letter to the Membership of this Church -
From 1st Cong.l Church in Warner New Hampshire
Rev Samuel Eaton, Mrs Hattie Eaton (& Walter J. Eaton. and Miss Hattie F. Eaton. from the M. E. Church in Warn Miss Mr Bertie E. Campbell from the M.E. Church in Monson Mass Mrs Cora L. K. Campbell (wife of B.E.C.) from the Cong.l Church in Adams Mass Mrs Jessie Fairfield Kroner wife of C.B.K. from the Cong.l Church in Westford Conn Miss Alice W. Bissell. And the following names were presented and accepted by vote, upon profession of their faith.
Emery Simonson, Mary A. Simonson (wife of E.S.)
Ruth W. Bissell (wife of F.B.) Miss [illegible]
Mrs Urania M. Allen
Attest E. B. Brown Clerk

March 1st The Church Voted to grant to its Members list Mr Daniel L. Griggs by letter from the Cong.l Church in Wollaston Mass. Attest- E B Brown Clerk

Roll Call

Meeting held Wednesday Feby 18th 1903
Calling of the roll, conducted by Mrs E. B. Brown
Remarks by the pastor Rev Samuel Eaton, who also gave a Solo.
26 members responded to the roll call, and letters were read from absent members. Mrs Susie B. Allen, Miss Julia F. Brown. Mrs James F. Brown Mr. & Mrs Silas F. Brown, Mr Everett A. Corbin. Mrs Silas P. Curtis Mrs Lydia Terry, Mr. & Mrs Leo A. Farnum. Mrs Mina Bean George. Mr Oscar B. Kane, Mr Morton Kane.
Singing- "When the roll is called up yonder I'll". Letter from Mrs. Mary Sophia Sutcliffe. Mrs Emily Nutter Brown. Remarks by Rev Mr Bissell
Singing- "God be with you till we meet again" Benediction
Attest Mrs Susie B. Brown Clerk pro tem

E. B. Brown Clerk

1903

May 3rd The Church recived this day upon profession of his faith Mr Austin Moulton

At a business meting of the Church held June 3rd 1903. In the absence of the Clerk the meeting was called to order by Bro N. H. Corbin Bro Edward Eaton was chosen Moderator and Bro N. H. Corbin clerk protempor the following names were granted for Church membership by profession of their faith Edward H Davenport and Julia Etta Litchfield. Hattie Adams and by Letter Mr Burton A Clarno from the Pilgrim Congl Church in Brooklyn Hills N.Y. Voted that they be recived as Members
Voted to Adjourn
Attest N. H Corbin Clerk protempor

Feby 22nd The Church voted to grant the request of Bro Wm. D Clancy Mrs Alice E Clancy Miss Etta M Clancy George E Clancy and Mrs G Clancy letters of dismission and recommendation to the Pilgrim Congl Church in Northampton Mass

July 20th The Church Voted to grant the request of Mr Morton W. Nash his letter of dismission and recommended him to the Congl Church in Sudbury Vermont

The Church also voted same date Letters of dismission and recommended to Mr. and Mrs Frank Conroy to the Goshen Congl Church in Goshen Ct

Sept 4th

At a business meeting of the Church held ~~after prayer~~ ~~meeting~~ ~~Last Friday~~ Sept 4th 1903
Meeting called to order by the Clerk.
Rev Samuel Eaton was chosen Moderator.
On motion of Bro N. H. Corbin, Voted That in consideration of the fact that Bro Oscar B Hall has united his lot on profession of his faith with the Congregational Church in Hampden Georgia County Ohio that his name be dropped from our roll of Membership

The following names were presented for Church membership George Stimson and his wife Mrs Annie Stimson, George A Stimson and Edith Stimson from the Washington Square Methodist Episcopal Church in New York City. The Church Voted to receive them as members.
Voted to Adjourn
Test E B Brown Clerk

1904

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Annual Meeting of the Church held Jan 2nd 1904.

Meeting called to order by the Clerk

Rev Samuel Eaton was chosen Moderator

Officers Elected
For Clerk Edward B. Brown
" Treas Miner K. Corbin
" Auditor Frederick Bissell

Miner K. Corbin was chosen Deacon for the term of four years. (4)

Reports by Pastor, Clerk, and Treasurer were given - and the Church voted that they be accepted and adopted

Voted. That the expenses of the Roll call be paid from the funds in the Church treasury

Voted. on Motion of Miner K. Corbin that the Money in the treasury for benevolence be appropriated to the A.B.C.F.M. for the Christmas fund

Voted That the benevolence of the Church be collected, and distributed the same as last year

Voted. To suspend the 2 meeting notice rule of the Church, and grant the request of Rev George A. Furness and his wife Ida R. Furness for letters of dismission from this Church, and recommend them to the Congl Church in East Arlington Vt.

The Contributions of the Church for the year 1903

Collections for Home Missions	$38.32	
" " Womens Board	44.00	
" " Foreign Missions	2.44	
" " American Missionary Assn	27.56	
" " Sunday School & Pub Society	17.82	
" " Cong'l Building Society	12.33	
" " Cong'l Educational Society	8.08	
Unappropriated Balance	2.00	$180.15

Church Collections for Home Miss	$49.73	
" " Expenses	32.77	
S. S.		
" " " Benevolence	29.30	111.80

Whole Number in School 120
Average Attendance 54

Expenses

Parish expenses	$142.48	
S.S. Home	32.77	
C.E. Society	2.30	146.55

Nov 5th At a business meeting of the Church held Saturday Nov 5th 1904
In the absence of the Clerk the meeting was called to order by
Dea M. N. Corbin and Rev Samuel Eaton was chosen
Moderator and M. N. Corbin Clerk protem.
Robert Streeter having been examined by the Committee
and recommended to become a member of the Church
and propounded in accordance with our rules it was
Voted to accept him a member of this Church upon
profession of his faith
Attest M. N. Corbin Clerk protem

730

The Roll Call

Dec 31 - 04

The roll call of the First Congl Church in Brimfield was had on Saturday December 31st 1904 in the Ladies parlor.

Resident members responding to their names was 36
Three responding by letter Viz 5
Total number of Members Jany 1st 1905 41
Total number responding to their names 41

Resident Members 52
Non resident Members 25

Voted. That the expences of the Roll Call in excess of donations received be paid from the Church treasury

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The Benevolence of the Church and its auxiliaries for the Year 1904

			Young Peoples Society		
Home Missions	$ 3	25	of Christian Endeavor		
Foreign Missions	23	80	Acting members 23		
American Missionary Association	26	25	Associate " 2	25	
Sunday School + Pubs Society	5	53	Amount of Contributions	70	
Congl Ch Building Society	15	3	Paid for Benevolence		70
Congl Education Society	16	60	" " Home Use	7	00
For Home Use	44	25	Cash on hand Jan 1st 1905	7	41
From the Sunday School			Womans Board of Foreign Missions	45	00
Benevolence Department	20	28	Ladies Benevolence Society	30	73
Home	20	41	Bbl of Clothing Estd Value	25	00
	$ 233	61		$ 126	73
Total Collections from all Sources for the year				360	34

Annual Business Meeting of the First Cong.l Church in Brimfield was held on Saturday December 31st 1904 in the Ladies parlor the meeting was called to order by the Clerk.

Rev Samuel Eaton was chosen Moderator

Officers Elected

Clerk Edward B. Brown.
Treas. Miner W. Corbin
Assist. Fredrick Bissell

The standing rules of the Church were read, and the Rector gave a brief report of the meetings of the Church during the year

The Clerk read his report which showed a number of Twenty Six (26). One death occuring during the year Mrs Lucinia W Dean. Two have united with the Church upon profession of their faith. Mary Etta Brown and Robert Streeter. There are 23 Male, and 52 Female members January first Resident members number fifty two (52) Non resident members number twenty five (25) Thirty Five. Voted that the report be accepted and adopted

Deac. Miner W Corbin Secretary and treasurer of the Church submitted his report of the Benevolences of the Church which was accepted and adopted. Other reports received were the A. B. S. S. & E. by Fredrick Bissell. The Womens Board by Miss Anna Bissell. Ladies Missionary Society by Miss Alice E. Spaulding.

Voted. To choose a Deacon for a term of Four (4) years and made choice of Edward W. Davenport

Voted. To defray the expence of roll call "except Voluntary Subscriptions" from Church Treasury.

Deacon Chosen

Voted. That the Benevolences of the Church be collected and distributed the same as last year. except the two last or extra Sabbaths which shall be given to the Ministerial Fund. Voted. To Adjourn

Attest E. B. Brown Church Clerk

Record

At a business meeting of the Church held after the preparatory lecture the Church voted to receive to Membership upon profession of his faith Edward Corbin.

[illegible] Church held immediately after the preparatory lecture the 27th inst. Voted to accept the letter of Mrs Susan N. Eyre & brought from the Congregational Church in [illegible] and she was received to membership with this Church.

At a business meeting of the Church held this afternoon November 4th 1875. In the absence of the Clerk the meeting was called to order by Deacon Miner H. Corbin. Rev Samuel Eaton was chosen Moderator and W. B. Corbin Clerk pro tem. Mrs Susan E. Doughty's application for membership was read and accepted.

It was voted to hold a Roll-call of the Church at some date to be determined later.

Bro Wm Root proposed that the names of the members of the Church be printed on a leaflet for distribution at that time and he would try to defray the expenses of the same. Voted to accept of Mr Roots proposition.

Voted to adjourn without date

Attest

Miner H. Corbin
Clerk pro tem

Roll Call

The Annual Roll Call of the Church was held in the Ladies Parlor, on Saturday Jan'y 6th 1906. following the preparatory lecture.
The Clerk called the roll - Seventy Six in all.
Whole number responding to their names 42
Whole Number responding by letter 11
Those by letter Viz: Mrs Rebecca C. Agard, Mrs Susie S. Allen, Mrs Edward B. Allen, Miss Julia F. Brown, Mr Elliott F. Brown, Mrs Florence E. Brown, Mrs Lydia A. Terry, Miss Estelle Tilly, Rev Robert A. Tyle, Mrs Florence W. (Rev) Tyle and Mrs Sybil S. Wolff.

The Benevolence of the Church for the Year 1905 Viz	
The A. B. C. F. M. including Womens Board.	$ 38.00
" Cong'l Educational Society, and other educational work	16.00
" Cong'l Church Building Society, + aid to Church paramount erection	22.00
" " Home Missions Association, and other Missions	192.00
" A. M. A. - including the Ladies benevolence	119.40
" Cong'l S. S. + Publishing Society, and Sunday work	22.40
" Ministerial Aid	10.00
" Benevolence of the Sabbath School	29.21
Total amount of Charities for the year 1905	448.00
The Amount of home expenditure for the year 1905	$ 1143.54
" Salary actually paid the Pastor in 1905	800.00
Value of Church property	$ 11,000.00
Amount of invested funds	$ 14,500.00

A true record attest

Edward B Brown Clerk

Annual Meeting of the Church held Jany 6 1906 in the Ladies parlor.

Meeting called to order by the Clerk

Rev Samuel Eaton was chosen Moderator.

Report of the Clerk was call. and given by the Clerk

Voted that it be accepted

Report of Treasurer was also called. and given by the Treas^r

A report of the ~~Pastor~~ by the Pastor was given, and he also read the Standing Rules of the Church.

On Motion of Dea Arthur B. Brown it was voted that the Moderator cast one Vote for Edward B Brown for Clerk

On motion of James Reed Brown it was voted that the Clerk cast one ballot for Dea Miner H. Corbin for Treasurer.

On Motion of James Reed Brown it was voted that the Clerk cast one ballot for Fredrick Bissell for Auditor.

The Church proceeded to the choice of a Deacon for a term of four years. Made choice of Arthur B. Brown

Voted. That the Benevolence of the Church be collected and distributed the same as last year with the exception of the two (2) last ~~subjects~~ objects to be disposed of later.

Reports of the various auxiliaries of the Church were called for and given, The Sunday School. Christian Endeavor. Ladies Benevolent Society. and the Ladies Missionary Society. and Womens Board.

Voted that they be accepted.

Total membership of the Church Jan 6th 1906 76.

Resident members 50. Non Resident 26.

There are 25 Males. and 51 Females

Voted to Adjourn

Attest E. B. Brown Clerk

Oct 21st The Church voted to grant Miss Maud A. Cowan a letter of dismission and Recommended her to the Melrose Eighth Congl Church Melrose Mass

E.B. Brown Clerk

Nov 3rd The Church voted to receive upon profession of his faith Charles M. Streeter to membership of this Church.

E B Brown Clerk

Jan 6th 1906

The Church voted to grant letters of dismission and Recommended Rev Robert S Kyle and his wife Florence W. Kyle to the Congl Church in Gilead Ct

E B Brown Clerk

Voted

The Benevolence of the Church

For Foreign Missions	$38.00	
" Home Missions	192.00	
" American Missionary Assoⁿ	119.00	
" Sunday School	22.00	
" Church Building Society	22.00	
" Congl Educational "	16.00	
" Ministerial Aid	10.00	
" All others	29.00	$448.00
" Home Expenses	1144.00	

1907 Jan 5

The Annual Meeting of the Church held in the Ladies Parlor on Saturday Jan 5th 1907
The Meeting being called to order by the Clerk.
Rev Samuel Eaton was chosen Moderator
The report of the Clerk was called for and given and it was Voted that the report be accepted
The pastor also gave a report, following his report came the Treasurers report and they were also accepted
The Election of Officers for the year.
Clerk - Edward B. Brown
Treasurer - Milner & Corbin
Auditor - Fred. Bissell

Edward B. Brown was chosen Deacon

Voted. That the Collection of Dec 30 1906 be sent to the Ministerial Aid Society
Voted. That the Collections of 1907 be collected and distributed the same as the past year.

1907 Jan 5th

Annual Roll Call Jan 5th 1907.
Whole No. Belonging to their names 49
of which 40 were present, and Nine were by letter
By letter Mrs Katherine M Brown
Mrs Rebecca Hayard
Miss Julia F Brown
Mr & Mrs Melvin Booth
" Erford & Corbin
Mrs Mary A Simmons
" Mary A Plimpton
" Emily J Wilkinson

1907

July 6th After preparatory Lecture this afternoon the Letters of Mr + Mrs Hermann A Sprague requesting admission to this Church from the first Methodist Episcopal Church in Richmond Hill N.Y. were read, and the Church Voted that they be accepted (Mrs Geneva)

A true record E. B. Brown Clerk

May 5th Miss Alice Brown was received to membership in this church upon profession of her faith this afternoon May 5

Miss Addie M Battleby was rec'd a member of this Church by Letter from the Second Advent Christian Church in Worcester Mass. Attest E.B. Brown Clerk

The Benevolence of the Church for the year

For Foreign Missions	$ 81.00	
" Home Missions	90.00	
" American Missionary Association	30.00	
" Sunday School	18.00	
" Church Building Society	11.00	
" Conf. Educational "	13.00	
" Ministerial Aid "	3.00	
" Home Expenses	1487.00	
" All others	24.00	
" Total Benevolence of the Church for the year		$270.00
" Salary of Pastor	$1000.00	
" Value of Church property	15000.00	
" Invested funds	1450.00	

June 5th A vote taken at the Annual Meeting of the Church - Voted that the standing Committee of the Church be a Committee to investigate the case of Brother George Stimson and three members of his family, now members of this Church, which case now seems detrimental to their Spiritual standing in this Church.

Said Committee to report at some future meeting of the Church.

Attest E.B. Brown Clerk

1908

Annual Meeting of the First Congl Church Brimfield

A Business Meeting of the Church was held in the Ladies Parlor on Saturday January 4th 1908

Meeting called to order by the Clerk E. B. Brown

Rev Samuel Eaton was chosen Moderator

Reports were given by the Clerk. Treasurer. Womens Board. Ladies Benevolent Society. Treas Y.P.S.C.E. Ladies Missionary Society

Officers Elected for the year 1908

Clerk Edward B. Brown

Treas Miner H Corbin

Asst Fred Bissell

Deacon for a term of four years. Miner H. Corbin

Voted to change the time of holding our Preparatory Lectures and hold them on Wednesday evenings

Voted. That the Benevolence of the Church be collected and distributed the same as during the past four years

Two members have died during the year

Mrs Laura J. Spaulding and Mrs. Mary J. Plimpton

Three have been recieved by letter.

Mr. & Mrs. Herman Sprague and Miss. Hattie Battering

One has united upon profession of her faith

Miss. Alice Brown

Our Membership January first 1908 78

Resident Members 53 Non Resident 25

We have 26 Male, and 52 Female Members.

The Annual Roll Call of the Church was held in the Ladies Parlor. at 2 oclock P.M. Jan 4th 1908. The Clerk called the roll, of the Seventy eight Members 54 responded, by letters 11. other 43. Total 54

The Church Voted this day January 4th 1908. to accept the recommendation of receiving letters from the First Congregational Church in Warren Mass. Mrs Annie Kinnicutt to membership with this Church

Attest E B Brown Clerk

At a business meeting of the Church held July 1st Brother Melvin A. Robinson was received a Member of this Church by Letter from the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Bennington Vt and Mrs Rosa F. Robinson his wife was received by Letter from the same Church at the same time
Attest E B Brown Clerk

The Church voted this day to grant the request of Mrs Bessie F Laird for a letter of dismission from the Church and of recommendation to the Second Cong'l Church in Palmer Mass

At the same time the Church voted to grant the request of Miss A. Estella Fitts for a letter of dismission from this Church and of recommendation to the Union Cong'l Church in Providence R. I.

Mrs E. J. Elder was this day received a Member of this Church upon recommendation from the First Cong'l Church in Chester Mass. Attest E. B. Brown Clerk

The Benevolent Contributions for the year

A. B. C. F. M.	47.	
C. C. B. S.	16.	
A. H. B.	16.	
C. H. M. S.	75.	
A. M. A.	18.	
C. S. S. P.	27.	
Ministerial Aid	7.	
Other Charities	30	$331.00

1909

Annual Meting

Jan 2nd 1909

Annual Business Meeting of this Church was held in the Ladies Parlor this afternoon

Meeting was called to order by the Clerk

Rev Samuel Eaton was chosen Moderator

Officers elected for the ensuing year

Clerk Edward B Brown

Treas Miss H. Corbin

Asst Frederick Bruce

Edward H. Davenport was reelected Deacon for a term of four years.

Reports of Clerk, Treasurer and Pastor were given and accepted

Voted. That the Collections in the Church the first two Sabbaths during the present year be devoted to home expenses

Voted. That the Committee chosen at the annual meeting of the Church in 1908 for the purpose of investigating the case of Brother George Stimson and family be discharged

Voted. That Brother Nelson Boothe and his wife be a Committee to investigate the Stimson Case and report at a business meeting of the Church following the next preparatory lecture

Following the Business Meting Came

The Roll Call

Out of a Membership of Eighty, 54 responded to their names of which 6 were by letter

We now have a Membership of Eighty

of which 27 Are Male, and 53 Are Female Members

There are 23 Non resident members.

The Benevolent Contributions of the Church
for the year 1908. are Viz:

For Foreign Missions	$ 77.	
Cong[l] Educational Society	16,	
" Ch Building	21.	
" Home Missionary "	50,	
" American Missionary Association	110,	
" Cong[l] Sunday School & Publishing Society	19,	
" Ministerial Aid	6.	
" All other charities	102,	$ 401.00

At a business meeting of the Church
held after Preparatory Lecture one April 28th 1909
the following action was taken
The meeting was called to order by the Clerk
Rev Mr Eaton was chosen Moderator.
Deacons Miner M. Corbin and Edward B Brown
were chosen delegates to attend the Conference at
Barre.
The report of the Committee chosen at the Annual Meeting
to investigate the Steinson case made their report
and the Church Voted to Excommunicate George
Steinson from the Church. And also voted to
drop the name of George A. Steinson from our
Church records, and to Suspend Mrs. Annie and
Miss Edith Steinson from Active Membership
with this Church for one Year.

Attest E. B Brown Clerk

April 7th

The Church reciev'd to Membership this day from the East Haven Congregational Church a Dismission Letter. Brother Frank M. Sperry and his Wife. also Miss Nellie D. Woods. by Letter And. Upon profession of their Faith Miss Ruth Hubbard and Miss Baxter Downes

April 5th The Church recived to membership Miss May Morse from the Methodist Church in Wales by letter.

April 3d At a Business meeting of this Church held immediately after the Preparatory Service the following Votes were taken

Voted, That the matter of pledging ourselves as a Church to raise a certain amount of Money for Missionary purposes be laid on the table.

Voted. That we defer action upon the question of leaving the Brookfield Conference for the purpose of joining the Hampden Conference until our Annual Meeting

Voted. That we accept the excellent and lifelike picture so kindly and generously presented to this Church of the late Deacon Paul W. Pairpoint who was so long an honored member and Deacon of the Church and that the Clerk in behalf of the Church extend to the donors his Grand Sons Paul W. and Allen H. Warner Jr. our most grateful and sincere thanks, assuring them that it will ever be kept in cherished remembrance as his memory is and no doubt will be by future generations

Voted to adjourn Attest E D Brown Clerk

Rev Samuel Eatons letter of resignation as Pastor of the First Congregational Church in Brimfield

To the First Congregational Church and Parish of Brimfield.

Greeting

More than seven years ago I felt the leadings of the Spirit of God to ask you, if you opened your hearts toward me at that time
To with much prayer for guidance as well as many thoughts of my own unfitness I had better accept your invitation to become your pastor or not I came to you
These years have been very pleasant ones. I have met with kindness anywhere in the parish, and you have given me all the liberty I could desire in presenting to you the Gospel of Christ as revealed to me. No one (as far as I know) has ever taken me severely to task for the work I have tried to do
You have borne with my weaknesses without complaint for which I most heartily thank you.
Our Church services have increased, we believe not only in numbers, but also in spirituality.
The Christian Endeavor Society has more than doubled its attendance, and its meetings are of the highest order with activity and earnestness
The Ladies Benevolent Society has done excellent work, and a united spirit is manifested in this department.
The Womans Missionary Circle has given more this year than in any previous year.
The Sunday School is holding its own, and I believe that a good united feeling exists in all departments.
Our Mens club has started in to do good work. This organization may be of inestimable value to the

over

Community is properly cared for many social, ethical and civic lines, and needs but little shepherding to make it a grand success religiously.

This August prosperity for the church.

Again the Spirit of God has called me & led me to another field of labor to which after deliberation and prayer I have consented to go. Therefore I resign my position as pastor of this church, and ask you to liberate me of its duties at your earliest convenience.

Wishing you grace, mercy and peace
I am truly yours in the Masters service

Samuel Eaton

Brimfield, November 21st 1909

In accordance with the foregoing instrument

The Church held a business meting immediately after the Wednesday evening service Dec 1st 1909

The meting was called to order by the Clerk

Dea Minot H Corbin was chosen Moderator

On motion of brother B. E. Campbell-

Voted — That whereas Rev Samuel Eaton having tendered his resignation as pastor of this Church, and whereas it is with sorrow and sincere regret that his labors among us should terminate after more than seven (7) years of faithful service in the Gospel Ministry at this request that his pastorate terminate at our earliest convenience, Therefore Voted that the church grant the same, and ask the Parish to vote the contract of his agreement with us and accept of his resignation at once.

On Motion of Clarence B Brown Voted That Rev Melvin H. Robinson be a Committee of the Church to notify the Parish of its action and return to Conference in the acceptance the same. Voted to Adjourn

Attest. E.B. Brown Clerk

Annual Meeting

The annual Meeting of this Church held on the 31st day of December 1909

The meting was called to order by the Clerk, and Deacon Miner H. Corbin was chosen Moderator Reports of the Clerk. Treasurer and the Auxiliaries of the Church were called for and given. It was Voted that they be accepted as read.

The following officers were chosen for the year

For Clerk Edward B. Brown
" Treasurer Miner H Corbin
" Auditor Frederick Bissell

There are now 78 members of the Church of these 53 are residents, and 24 Non resident Members

Dec. 6 Edward B Brown was elected for a term of four years

Voted that we raise and distribute the Benevolences of the Church the same as the last year.

Voted. That the matter of transferring our connection with the Brookfield Conference to the Hampden Conference be laid on the table for the time being and Miss Edith Stinson

Voted that the case of Mrs Annie Stinson Dickenson be defend until some futur meting of the Church

The Annual Roll Call

There were letters received from (14) fourteen members who were absent as not resident members or unable to be present on account of sickness. And Thirty Seven (37) responded to their names.

The Benevolent contributions are as follows.

For the A.B.C.F.M. and Womans Board	$ 101.00
" " Congl Educational Society	10.00
" " " Home Missionary "	56.00
" " " Church Building "	30.00
" " American Home Missionary Association	110.00
" " S. School and Publishing Society	19.00
	$326.00

Feb 3" The Church Voted this day to grant the letter asking for a letter of dismission from this Church and recommendation to the Faith Congregational Church in Springfield Mass of Mrs Mabel Brown. Dism

March 3" The Church this day Voted to grant letters of dismission and recommendation to the First Congl Church in Orrin Point L. I. to our Pastor and his family Viz Samuel Eaton. Mrs Samuel Eaton. Miss Hattie F. Eaton and Walter S. Eaton.

May 8 The Church chose delegate to attend the Annual meeting of the Brookfield Conference to be held in Brookfield on Tuesday May the 10". Delegate Miner N Corbin and Mrs Julia Hubbard.

Del

May 19" At a Business meeting of this Church held on Thursday evening May 19" 1910 which was called to act upon an informal Vote of the Church taken after the Morning Service on May 1" extending a call to the Rev William L. Jennings to become our Pastor resulting in a unanimous Vote favorable to a call.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk and Dea Miner N. Corbin was chosen Moderator

The object of the meeting was stated by the Moderator

A Vote was taken resulting in fifteen (15) yes and None (1)

On motion of E B Brown it was voted to make the call unanimous which was carried.

On Motion of E. B. Brown the church voted to choose a committee of three to notify the Parish of its action and ask them to concur in the same.

Committee B. E. Campbell. Frederick Bissell. Edward B Brown

Voted to Adjourn E. B. Brown Clerk

Dismissed Rev Wm L Jennings

Greenwich Mass
June 4th 1910

To the Congregational Church and Parish
in Brimfield

My Dear Brethren

Your very kind and unanimous Letter
Calling me to the pastorate of your Church
has been received by me, and I wish to
return thanks for the same.
I have enjoyed my visits at Brimfield very
much, and your Church work seems
full of promise. It has been my desire to
be led by the Lord in my service for Him,
and the acceptance of your call seems to
be the will of our Heavenly Father.
I therefore gladly accept your call to become
your Pastor and trust that our work together
may be productive of great good in the Masters
Kingdom. I will endeavor to begin my service
as pastor in Brimfield early in July.
With much prayer for the work I remain
Your servant in the Gospel
Rev William Louis Jennings

Aug 1st 7 A business Meeting of the Church was held on
Wednesday evening, Aug 1st 7 The meeting was called
to order by the Clerk, and Edward B Brown was
chosen Moderator. The object of the meeting was stated
by the moderator as read from the minutes of the Massachu-
setts Congregational Conference held in Springfield May
17th 18th and 19th given by the Committee On the work of the
Churches which was to the effect that this Church
desires to be transferred from the Brookfield Conference

to thing Hampden Conference as being more accessable to this Church, after which statement on Motion of Deacon Corbin it was Voted that we take an informal ballot resulting in 7 Voting for the change. Three Members not Voting.
Voted. That we adjourn to next Sunday morning immediately after the Morning Service
E. B. Brown Clerk.

Aug 21st

Sunday Morning Aug 21st 1910

The Church met acording to adjournment immediately after the morning service. The matter of transfering our relationships as a Church from the Brookfield Conference to the Hampden Conference was discussed and it was Voted that we ask the Brookfield Conference to grant us dismission from their fellowship, and give us a letter of recommendation to the Hampden Conference
Voted That the Church committee be a committee to carry the above Vote into effect
Voted that we do now adjourn E.B. Brown Clerk

Brimfield Sept 3rd 1910
To the Brookfield Conference of Churches
Greeting

We regret that after nearly ninety years of pleasant association with the Brookfield Conference of Churches, a change of membership should become necessary on account of our easy access to the Hampden Conference, resulting from our improved method of travel we feel that it will be for the welfare of this Church to become a member of the Hampden Conference.
And at a recent meeting of the First Congregation

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Church of Brimfield the Church voted unanimously to ask your honorable body to grant this Church a dismission from the Brookfield Conference and a recommendation to the Hampden Conference of Churches. Trusting that our Heavenly Father will continue to prosper the Brookfield Conference in the future as in the past; We remain, Yours in the Christian fellowship.

Deac - Elmer H. Corbin
" Edward B. Brown
" Arthur B. Brown
" Edward H. Dawson
} Church Committee

In Letter Missive

In response to a letter from the Church (First Congl) of Brimfield asking for a letter of dismissal to Hampden Conference it was voted that the request be granted and the following resolution was adopted;
We regret exceedingly the severing of those ties which have bound the several churches in this conference in pleasant fellowship for so many years, but recognize the fact that such breaks must come with improved methods of travel and the new alignment of Churches for the larger work of the Kingdom.
We heartily recommend our sister church at Brimfield to the fellowship and care of ~~the~~ Hampden Conference and bespeak for her a cordial welcome and a larger share of blessing in the Lord's work.

Charles B Tolman
Scribe

Brookfield Conference in session

Dudley Mass Sept 13th 1910

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West Brookfield, Mass. Oct 7th 1910

Oct 7- Rev Edward B Brown
Brimfield, Mass.

Dear Brother: I enclose a copy of the action of Brookfield Conference on the application of Brimfield church for dismissal to the Hampden Conference.
We are very sorry to lose your fellowship and co-operation but recognize the disadvantage in attending meetings so far away.
Our prayers go with you to your new field of fellowship and work

Cordially yours

(Continued on Paige 429) Charles B Johnson

Dec 18th The Church Voted this day Dec 18th 1910 to grant the request of Mr. Frank M Sperry for a letter of dismission from this church and of recommendation to the Fourth Congl Church at East Haven Conn

April 7th The Church voted to accept the invitation of the East Brimfield Congl Church to attend the Ecclesiastical Council for the settlement of Rev Francis S Schiel as Pastor of that church.
Bro Edward H Davenport was chosen our delegate to represent this Church at the Council

Annual Business Meting

At the annual business meeting of this Church Dec 30th 1910 for the year nineteen hundred & eleven the meeting was called to order by the Clerk, and Rev William L. Jennings was chosen Moderator. Reports of the officers were called for and given after which it was voted that they be accepted and adopted. The choice of Church officers for the coming year

Clerk Edward B. Brown
Treas. Miner H. Corbin
Auditor Frederick Bissell
Deac for four years Edward B. Brown

The Church Voted that we continue our present method of Benevolence the present year.

The reading of the Standing Rules of the Church was called for & given by Dea Miner H Corbin after which on motion of Bro Robert Streeter the Church Voted to drop the Names of Mrs. Anna Stimson and Miss Edith Stimson from our Church records. Voted to Adjourn E.B. Brown Clerk

The Roll Call

Whole No responding to their names 45
of which 17 were by letter

The Benevolence as classified for the year 1910

A.B.C.F.M.	$20.	The Ladies Benevolent Society	$44.
W.B.F.M.	58.	" C.E. Society	48.70
C.E.S.	10.		92.70
C.B.S.	21.		738.00
H.M.S.	42.		1830.70
A.M.A.	27.		
S.S.P.S.	14.		
Home Expenses		1830.00 555.00	
		735.00	

Sunday Morning May 7

The Church this day chose delegates to the Hampden Association of Congregational Church which mets with this Church on Wednesday May the tenth (10)

Deacon Miner H. Corbin, Edward H. Davenport, Edward F. B. Brown, Mrs Melvin Booth, and Mrs Sabin A Hubbard.

C. F. B. Brown The Clerk

June 2nd

The Church voted to attend the Council for the Dismissal of the Rev Thomas E Richards of Walden and chose Deacon Miner H Corbin as their delegate

June 16th The Church voted this day to grant the request of Mrs Susie C. Allen for a letter of dismissal from this Church and recommended her to the First Congl Church in Agawam.

Record of the Action of the Hampden Association of Congregational Churches with reference to receiving the Brimfield Church into their Association

Oct 10th — At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hampden Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers, held in the Young Mens Christian Association rooms in Springfield, Mass. October 10th, 1910. with the Moderator Principle Clarence A. Brodeur in the chair, and Rev J. B Lewis acting as scribe pro tem, Rev F.S. Brewer brought up the matter of the Application of the Brimfield Church for Membership in Hampden Association. It was voted that a committee of one be chosen to take up this Matter with the conferring with the Brimfield church. Rev F.S. Brewer of Palmer was chosen as this committee.

C.A. Brodeur, Moderator.

Nov 2nd — Annual meeting

At the annual meeting of the churches with the Second Church, Westfield Nov 2nd 1910. Principle Clarence A. Brodeur as Moderator. Rev Sidney Bryant, Scribe, and Rev C. B Bliss, Assistant Scribe in the course of the business session. The Business Committee presented the request of the Brimfield church for membership in the Association and recommended that it be received. The Association then voted that the Brimfield Church be received into the Association

C. A Brodeur, Moderator.
C.B. Bliss, Scribe

A true record of the Association

Attest E. B Brown. Cr Clerk.

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Annual Church Meeting

January 6th 1912

Meeting called to order. Rev William C Deming was chosen Moderator. Meeting was opened with prayer by the pastor. The standing rules of the Church were read by the Clerk.

The report of the Clerk was called for and given for the year 1911. It was voted that the report be accepted.

The report of the Treasurer was then given and it was voted that his report also be accepted

The reports were given of the different Auxiliaries of the Church including the Women's Board of Missions, Ladies Benevolent Society, Sunday School, and the C. E. Society

The pastor also gave his report which was accepted.

Officers Chosen for the year

Clerk Edward B. Brown

Treas Miner H Corbin

Deacon Frederick Bissell

The Church voted to suspend the rule of the church requiring two weeks notice of application for membership, and voted to accept the application of Rev William F. Bissell for a letter to this Church from the College Church in Amherst Mass. and he was this day chosen as Deacon of the Church for the term of four years.

Miner H. Corbin was chosen a Deacon for the unexpired term of two years caused by the death of Deacon Arthur B. Brown

Voted That we continue our present method of Church ~~Treasurer~~ as during the past few years.

The matter of the apportionment plan in the Hampden Association of Churches was discussed and Rev Mr Deming was chosen a Committee to see the officers of the Association and arrange with them as to our share of the same.

Roll Call.

On account of the severe cold only a very few were present 18 Resident and 7 Non Residents responded to their names.

E. B. Brown Clerk

Members of the First Congregational Church
Brimfield, Mass.

	Date of Admission
Adams, Adella	1903
Allen, Edward B.	1892
~~Allen, Alice J.~~	~~1887 and 1902~~
Ball, Bessie A.	1918
Bissell, Frederick	1897
Bissell, Ruth W.	1903
Bissell, Alma W.	1903
Bissell, Lawrence B.	1920
Booth, Melven	1885 and 1897
Booth, Emily	1885 and 1897
Brown, Edward B.	1860
Brown, Mary A.	1880
Brown, Julia T.	1868
Brown, Clarence B.	1896
Brown, Jessie F.	1903
Brown, Marietta	1904
Brown, Addie L.	1901
Brown, Lillian M.	1890
Brown, Emma M.	1889
Brown, Kathryn F. Mrs.	1919
~~Corbin, Sarah B.~~	~~1869~~
~~Corbin, Herbert M.~~	~~1897~~
Campbell, Bertie E.	1903
Campbell, Cora L.H.	1903
Campbell, Warren H.	1919
Campbell, Gladys H.	1920
Chamberlain, Helena M.	1920
Chandler, Hermon	1919
Chase, Ursula M.	1903
Curtis, Lucy A.	1864
~~Campbell, Robert W.W.~~	~~1924~~
~~Campbell, Robert Mrs.~~	~~1924~~
Davenport, Edward H.	1903
Douty, Susan	1905
Douty, Juliet H.	1916
Elder, Ethel W.	1906
Elder, Isabel B.	1920
~~Estabrook, William A.~~	~~1914~~
~~Estabrook, Rosetta W.~~	~~1914~~
~~Estabrook, Gladys W.~~	~~1914~~
~~Estabrook, William W.~~	~~1919~~
Fairfield, Edward W.	1919
Fairfield, Ida C.	1919
~~Griggs, Harriet M.~~	~~1853 and 1903~~
Greenfield, L.Leroy	1920
Greenfield, Blanche D.	1920
Groves, Julia E.	1916
Hitchcock, Julia E.	1903
Hitchcock, Rachel J.	1916
Hitchcock, Jessie D.	1919
Howes, Stanley E.	1919
~~Hubbard, Julia A.~~	1869

Members of the First Congregational Church
Brimfield, Mass.

	Date of Admission
Landen, Grace D.	1916
Lawrence, Annie O.	1908
Madison, Marion H.	1919
Moore, May	1909
Moore, Percy N.	1920
Moore, Mary E.	1924
Moore, Wallace	1924
Norcross, Clyde	1916
Norcross, Harry	1916
Norcross, Nellie	1916
Norcross, Roy E.	1919
Panarity, Gerim M.	1919
Parker, Orra A.	1914
Phillips, Ruth	1909
Robinson, Chas. W.	1880
Robinson, Marion I.	1919
Robinson, Rosa G.	1908
Royce, Maria J.	1922
Skinner, Russell G.	1922
Skinner, Maud I.	1916
Sherman, Hester	1916
Stevens, Levi E.	1918
Spooner, William S.	1915
Spooner, Myra F.	1915
Spooner, Ethel E.	1915
Spooner, William D.	1919
Spooner, Edward H.	1919
Spooner, Raymond H.	1919
Spooner, Lawrence W.	1920
Streeter, Martha E.	1896
Streeter, Robert J.	1904
Thompson, Constance A.	1916
Webber, Willie A.	1899
Webber, Lilla N.	1914
Webber, Gladys M.	1914
Webber, Fred G.	1919
Webber, Frank H.	1919
Webber, Lucinda E.	1920
Whitney, Artemus A.	1914
Whitney, Bessie M.	1914
Wood, Ella M.	1915

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The Benevolent Contributions of the Church for the year ending

For Home Missions	$	47.00
" Foreign Missions		23.00
" American Missionary Association		21.00
" Sunday School and Publishing Society		9.45
" Congl Church Building Society		10.50
" Congl Educational Society		8.73
Collected for Home Expenses		113.86
Womans Board of Missions		53.14

April 4 The Church Voted to accept the invitation of the Congl Church in East Brimfield for a delegate to attend the council at that Church on April 29th 1912 for the dismissal of their pastor Rev Frances S. Child. and Edward H. Davenport was chosen our delegate. E.B. Brown Clerk

April 21. The Church chosen five delegates to attend the 59th Annual Meeting of the Hampden Association of Congl Churches to be held with the Congl Church in Southwick E.B. Brown Clerk

Dea. Elmer H. Corbin and his wife, Dea Edward B. Brown, Mr. Bertie C. Campbell, and Mrs. F. Edgar Brown

May 5. The Church Voted to accept the invitation of the Grace Union Church in North Wilbraham and chose Dea Edward B. Brown their Delegate to attend a council for the dismissal of Rev Thomas E. Williams as their pastor. Attest. E.B. Brown Clerk

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Nov 3rd The Church Voted to day Nov 3rd To receive to our membership by Letter from the First Congl Church of Adams Mass. Deacon Edward W. Fairfield. and his Wife Mrs. Edward W. Fairfield

Attest Edward B. Brown 2d Clerk

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The Church Annual Meeting

The annual Business meeting of the Church was held in the Ladies Parlor on Saturday afternoon January the 4th at 2 o'clock.

Meeting called to order by the Clerk at 2.06 o'clock

Rev William Louis Sperringe was chosen Moderator

meeting opened by the reading of Scripture and prayer by the Moderator.

The report of the last meeting was called for and given by the Clerk followed by the reading of the Standing Rules. and the annual report of the Clerk for the year. Showing the membership of the Church on

January 1st 1912 Sixty Three	63	
Received by Letter in 1912	3	66
~~Letters of Dismission in 19~~		
No of Deaths 1912		
(Miss Mary Carlin now Mrs Mary Hanna) dropped by Vote	1	3/63
Present membership of the Church	63	

The next business was the Roll Call.

Total number that responded to their names 39

Of this number Six were by Letter

Then came the Report of the Treasurer. followed by

The reports of the Pastor

The Report of the Y.P.S.C.E.

" " Ladies Benevolent Society

" " Womens Board of Missions

" " Sunday School

The pastor in his report referred to the Preparatory Lectures and the Church Voted That we hold the Preparation meeting in the afternoon of the week preceding the Communion

Annual Meeting

Then Came the choice of the Officers for the ensuing year.

For Clerk Edward B. Brown
" Treasurer Miner H Corbin
" Auditor Frederick Bissell
Deacon for 4 years Edward H Davenport

The Matter of choosing ushers was discussed and it was Voted. That it be left with the standing Committee

Voted That the the benevolences of the Church be raised and appropriated as in former years.

Voted That the Name of Mrs Mary Hanna be droped from our records. She having joined another Church

Voted to Adjourn E.B. Brown Clerk

Brimfield Mass
Jan 4th 1913

To the members of the Congregational Church and Society
Greeting

After due consideration I have decided to tender my resignation as Pastor of this Church the same to take effect on April 1st 1913

As your minister I have tried to render faithful service. Yours in Christ Service

Rev William Louis Jennings

Special Church meeting this afternoon Jan 7th, 1913

Meeting called to order by the Clerk. and Bro Robert Streeter was chosen Moderator. On Motion of E. B. Brown Voted that Whereas Rev Wm L. Jennings having tendard his resignation as Pastor of this Church after nearly three years of faithful service in the Church. Sunday School, and Community. and at his own request that his relations with this Church and Society

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shall terminate on April 1st 1913 Resolved that with sincere regret we accept of his resignation, and heartily extend to him our best wishes and our loyalty to the Church And we give him a recommend to any Church of his future labors as a Spiritual, Faithful & Consecrations Pastor

Voted not to close the church during the Summer

The Church Voted not to close the church any Sunday during the Summer season

On motion of Miner H Corbin
Voted that we chosen a Committee of one to notify the Parish of our action and ask them to concur in accepting the same.
E.B. Brown was chosen as that Committee

Voted that we do now adjourn
E.B. Brown Clerk

A Special Church Meeting held on Saturday April 26th 13
The Meeting called to order by the Clerk E.B. Brown
Made choice of Robert A. Streeter for Moderator of the Meeting

Voted

It was Voted on Motion of Bro Edward W. Fairfield that we extend an invitation to the Rev William A Eetabrook to become Pastor of this Church. resulting in a unanimous choice in favor of calling him to its pastorate. No of Votes 18

Voted

On motion of Miner H. Corbin. to choose a Committee to carry the above vote into effect and Miner H. Corbin, Edward W. Brown. and Mrs Martha E. Streeter were chosen that Committee

Voted

On Motion of Bro Frederick Bissell. That we inform the Parish of this action of the Church and ask them to concur in the same.

Voted

That we do now adjourn.
Attest E. B. Brown Clerk

Rev William A Eetabrook Accepted the Call. And Began on his Labors July 6th 1913

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Rev William A. Estabrooks, letter of Acceptance of the call

Middlefield Mass May 14th. 1913.

To the Congregational Church, and Parish
of Bringfield Mass.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Realizing that to leave one parish where pastor and people are heartily in accord for another untried field is a very responsible step to take, I have tried to leave the whole question in the hands of our Heavenly Father, and I seem to hear in your unanimous call, His voice as well as Yours.

I now accept the call which you so graciously extended to me to commence my pastorate with you on the first day of July 1913.

What the result of our united service will be, God only knows, but we may be assured of this that if we work for his glory And not our own, ever humbly seeking his Guidance the result will be for the advancement of his Kingdom.

Let us pray earnestly for each other both now and always. that through us the world may see the Christ, and that his peace which passeth all understanding may enter many hearts.

And may the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Sincerely yours in the Masters service
W. A. Estabrook

1914

Annual Meeting

The Annual Business meeting of the Church was held in the Church Parlor on Friday January [illegible]
The meeting was called to order by the Clerk.
Rev Wm Estabrook was chosen Moderator and opened the meeting with prayer.
Then came the report of the Clerk which was given and it was Voted that the report be accepted & approved.
Then came the report of the Treasurer which was given and the Church Voted that it be accepted and approved.
The officers for the ensuing year are Viz
Clerk - Edward B. Brown
Treasurer - Miner H. Corbin
Auditor - Frederick Bissell
Deacon for the term of four years. was then elected and Miner H Corbin was elected.
Then came the Report of the different Societies
Mrs Booth reported for the Ladies Benevolent Society
On motion of Bro Clarence B. Brown the Church Voted to give the Ladies Benevolent Society a vote of thanks for the Books Rich which they have placed in the Church the past year
Report of the Women Board of Missions
Report of the Young People Society of Christian Endeavor
Report of the Sunday School and of the Pastor.
Voted - That we continue our present method of Benevolence
Voted - That we suspend the rule requiring two weeks notice for application for membership and Voted on the following applications today. Rev William A. Estabrook.
Mrs Nettie W. Estabrook. Miss Pauella W. Estabrook.
Miss Gladys W. Estabrook. from the 1st Congl Church Middlefield
Mrs Margaret W. Browne from the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield.
Mrs Fred. J. Parker. from the first Congl Church in Sandown N.H.
Mr Ernest A. Whitney and his Wife Bessie Mount W. to any from the Union Evangelical Church Three Rivers. Mass
Mrs Frank Howes. Mrs Charles Webber. Miss Gladys W. to
Voted that they be received. Members of this Church.

Additions 1914

Annual Meeting continued

Voted on Motion of Mrs Hubbard. That this Church Cooperate with the Churches in this district in our Missionary Ebbert To stimulate a wider interest in Missionary work.

Voted. To choose a Committee of one and Mrs Nelson Bostwick Chairman

Voted That the Church appoint a Committee of three (3) to consider the Matter of changing our Articles of Faith and Covenant as recommended by the National Council of Congl Churches at their Annual Meeting held at Kansas City Mo October 22-30-1913

Committee. Rev William A. Estabrook Dea Miner H. Corbin and Clarence B. Brown

The Benevolences of the Church for the year 1913

Viz

	$
For Home Missions	36.00
" Foreign Missions	20.00
" American Missionary Association	24.37
" Congl Church Building Society	11.00
" Sunday School and Publishing Society	6.67
" Congl Educational Society	10.00
" Ministerial Aid	2.50
" Womans Board of Missions	60.00
" Balance in Treasury of Y.P.S.C.E Jan 1-1914	16.02
" By Sunday School	30.96
" " Ladies Benevolent Society	32.37
" Parish Expences	1200.18

438"

1914

The request of Erford H Corbin for a letter of
dismission from this Church and of recommendation
to the Second Congregational Church in Palmer having been
read the Church Voted to suspend the rule requiring two weeks
notice and Voted that he be granted the letter.

E. B. Brown Clerk

Annual Church Meeting held in the Church parlor on January 1st 1916 at 2 o'clock P.M.

Meeting called to order by the Clerk E. B. Brown For Moderator. Rev William A. Estabrook was chosen by vote of the Meeting. After prayer by the Moderator and Reading of Minutes then came the Roll Call. And of the Sixty Six (66) Members (51) Fifty One responded to their names. 31 by Letters (15) Fifteen sent no response After the roll Call came the choice of the Officers for the ensuing year.

Officers Elected for 1915

For Clerk Edward B. Brown
" Treas Miner H Corbin
" Auditor Frederick Bissell
Dea. 4 Years Edward B. Brown

The Church voted to accept of the resignation of Dea William F Bissell as Deacon of this Church caused by his removal from the Town and Brother Edward W. Fairfield was chosen Deacon in his place his term expires this year

The Clerk reported that Eleven (11) had been added or reuined to membership during the year. and that three (3) had taken Letters of dismission. and four removed by death The membership of the Church Number (66) Jan 1st 1915

The report of the Committee of the Church chosen to Co-operate with the Churches in Missionary work was presented by Mrs Melvin Booth

Voted that the report be accepted

The report of the Committee of (3) three chosen to consider the matter of changing our Articles of Faith and Covenant as Adopted by the National Council held at their Meeting in Kansas City Mo Oct 22 to the 30 1913. The Chairman of the Committee not being present. it was Voted on

over

On Motion of E. B. Brown, that we pass over their report- and
On Motion of Bro. Robert J. Streeter it was
Voted- That the Committee be discharged
Voted on Motion of Dea" L. H Corbin that we continue our present method of Benevolence another year
Voted- a vote of thanks was given Brother Melvon Booth for the Membership slips given the Church members
The following resolution was presented to the Church by Brother Robert J. Streeter-
Resolved the new Confession of Faith as accepted by the National Council Oct 25" 1913. be adopted for the public acceptance of candidates when received into the Church it being understood that the former Creed be not hereby superseded

Voted- That we do now Adjourn
Attest- Edward B. Brown Ch Clerk

Benevolent Contributions of the Church 1914
Viz

For	Home Missions	35,25	
"	Foreign Missions	44,37	
"	Am" Mis" Association	30,00	
"	S. S. and Pub" Society	13,43	
"	Ch" Building Society	13,00	
"	Educational Society	10,00	
"	Ministerial Relief	3,00	
		149,05	$149.0
	Belgian Sufferers		11.0
			160.0

Home Expenses (2 first Sabbaths Each Month)	$134,30
Parish "	140.82
Ladies Benevolent Society	71,35
Womens Board of Missions	
S. S. and Y. P. S. of C. E.	

May 1st

At a business meeting of the Church held on Saturday May 1st 1915 after preparatory Lecture-
It was Voted- That we hold our Preparatory Communion Service on the Wednesday evening preceding the first Sabbath in January- March. May- July- September, and November.

a true record E. B. Brown Clerk

June 30th

At a business meting of the Church held after the Midweek prayer meeting. June 30th 1915
Meting called to order by the Clerk, and Rev Mr Estabrook was Chosen Moderator
The Application of Miss Ella Porter, and Miss Ethel E. Spooner for members of the Church upon profession of their faith were presented and on Motion of Dea Edward W. Fairfield it was Voted that they be admitted upon their assent to our Articles of Faith and Covenant- And William S. Spooner and Wife Myra F Spooner be Received by letter from the Congl Church in Franconia N.H.

Voted On Motion of Dea M. H. Corbin to close the Church two of the Sabbaths of our Pastors Vacation in August 1915

~~Voted- That we do now Adjourn-~~

~~E B Brown Clerk~~

Voted That we hold our preparatory Communion Service at the midweek meeting preceding the First Sabbath in January. March. May- July. Sept- and November.

E B Brown Clerk

Voted- That we Adjourn

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Annual Meeting of the Church

At a business meeting of the Church Dec 29th 1915: the meeting called to order by the Clerk Edward B. Brown a quorum not being present the meeting was Adjourned to Saturday January 8th 1916.

Edward B. Brown Clerk

Adjourned Annual Meeting Jan 8th 1916.

Meeting called to order by the Clerk and Rev. W. M. Patterson was chosen Moderator.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

Records of Clerk were called, and were which showed a present Membership of Sixty Nine members (69) one death during the year Mrs Emily A. Wilkinson

Two names were received by letter from the Congl. Church of Franconia N.H. Mrs S. Spooner and his wife Myra F. Spooner.

Two have united on confession of Faith Miss Ella Parker and Miss Ethel E Spooner. the present Membership is 69

The Treasurers Report was called for and given by W. H. Corbin On motion of Dea Fairfield. Voted that they be accepted and placed on file. To act with the Pastors report which is now Voted to proceed to the choice of Officers for the ensuing year

Clerk Edward B. Brown

Assist " Miss Gladys Webber

Treasurer Wilmer H. Corbin

Auditor Wm S Spooner

Deacon for 4 years Edward W. Fairfield

Reports were then given by the Benevolent Society " Work

" " " " Womens Board of Missions " "

" " Christian Endeavor Society Fred Bissell

" " Sunday School Harry Noreross

" " Pastors Report

Voted to appoint 3 Ushers to serve during the year and Ernest Stevens, Walter Campbell, and Stark Towns were chosen

After dinner and business Meeting came the Roll Call

Seven letters were read from absent-Members 7

Fifty responded to their names 50

Twelve who gave no response 12

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Report of the Benevolent Contributions of the Church for the year 1916. Viz:

For Home Missions	40.38
" Foreign Missions	21.22
" American Missionary Society	14.75
" Sunday School and Publishing Society	13.20
" Church Building Society	9.13
" The Congregational Educational Society	10.73
" The Ministerial Aid	2.00
	111.71

The Parish Expences for the current year as reported by the Trustees 1347.83

Paid our Pastor a salary of $800.00 to April 1st 1916 then from that date at the rate of $75.00 per month, amounting to 875.00

Two new Furnaces were placed in the Church this year costing not including the cost of installing 325.00

A true Record Edward B. Brown Cl. Church

At the communion Service of this Church this Morning May 7th 1916 The following persons were received by Letter from the St James Methodist-Episcopal Church Springfield Clyde Noyes, Harry Noyes, and Nellie Noyes and From the Wales Methodist-Episcopal Church Miss Julia E Groves was also received by Letter

A true record E. B. Brown Clerk

July 2nd The following persons were this day received member of the Church upon profession of their faith Maud Hitchcock, Rachel Hitchcock, Constance Eldy, and Juliet M Dauby

E B. Brown Clerk

July 23rd The Church Voted this day to close the Church the two first Sabbaths 6th and 13th in August- this being two of the sabbaths of our Pastors Vacation

E B. Brown Clerk

Oct 15th The Standing Committee of the Church Voted to accept the request of Miss Clara E. Felton that her name be dropped from our membership - and her name be placed on the retired list-

A true record E. B. Brown Clerk

Nov 1st At a business meeting of the Church following a Preparatory Lecture it was Voted to receive Mrs Grace Dorkham Landon to our Membership by Letter from the First Congl Church in Warren Mass Also Miss Dorothy Miss Dexter Landon from the Hope Congl Church in Springfield Mass also by Letter Recorded Nov 5th 1916 E B Brown (Ch) Clerk

Dec 3rd At the Morning Service this day the Church Voted to pay and the vote receiving two votes Nay One Vote to grant A Letter of dismission to Bro William F Bissell and grant him a Letter of recommendation to the Cong Church in West Townshend Vermont-

A True Record E B Brown (Ch) Clerk

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Annual Church Meeting and Roll Call, following a Chicken Pie Supper, was held Friday evening January 5th 1917.

Following the supper the meeting was called to order in the ladies parlor by the Church Clerk, Bro. E. B. Brown. Rev. A. E. Eskelund was chosen Moderator. After singing a hymn, prayer was offered by the Moderator. The roll was then called and 62 members and on visitor responded as their names were called.

Following the roll call came the business meeting and the choice of officers for the ensuing year. The following officers were chosen.

For Clerk - Mrs. William Woodward
" Treasurer, Miss Gladys Reeves
" Auditors, William L. Spooner.
" Deacons for 4 yrs. Edward H. Davenport.

The By-Laws were read, and after the Church voted to change the one relating to persons coming to us by letter from another Church, so that they become members upon vote of the Church and assenting to the following Covenant; like the one used at the Congl. Church, Adams, Mass.

"Do you cordially join yourself to this asda Church of Christ, engaging to submit to its government and discipline to seek its peace and purity; to love and help its members as your brethren; to uphold, together with us, its public worship and ordinances, and so far as in you lies to maintain the spirit of unity in the bonds of peace, trusting for help in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from

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all unfaithfulness and unholy walk & conversation of professed followers of our Master.

To love this command and engage it.

This was sanctioned by the Church & Society and Committees of the Church.

The report of the Clerk shows a present membership of 74. Lovingly past over one member, Bro. William F. Bissell, was dismissed by letter. One member at her request was dropped from the list, Miss Lillie S. Adams. Five members have come in by letter. Sis. Lucy A. Bissell has gone to heaven. Added 4. Present membership 73.

Reports.

Chas. Bissell reported for the Ladies Benevolent Soc. reported $214.62 paid for sewing Ch. cushions, $5.00 Seventh Month Institute and $2.50 for home aid. Pax

Mrs. Bissell reported for the Women's Miss. Soc. $37.00 paid to Foreign Missions, and $21.00 to Home Miss.

Fred Bissell reported for the Sunday School and also for the U. F. S. C. E.

The Treasurer reported the following benevolent contributions of the Church for the year 1912.

	$	c.
For Home Missions	17	38
" Foreign "	22	28
" A. M. Association	24	22
" S. S. & Pub. Society	12	70
" Education Society	11	24
" Union Evangelic Soc.	11	22
" Ministerial Aid	4	82
" Seventh & Sabbath Institute	25	00
" Albanian Relief	2	00
" Little Wanderers' Home	30	00
Total	161	08

Parish Expenses for the year as reported by the Treasurer 1660 00

A true Record. W. C. Estabrook, Ch. Clerk.

May 6. 1917.

The following resolution was passed by a unanimous vote of the church at the morning service; and copies of the same were mailed to Senators Lodge and Weeks, and Rep. Calvin D. Paige, Washington D.C.

"The First Congregational Church of Plainfield Mass., realizing the tremendous waste of food products entailed by the luxury and distillery business, in our nation, and the serious physical and moral effect caused by drink; Hereby

Resolve; That we most heartily favor the passage of the National War Prohibition Bill, and most earnestly urge that you do your best towards securing its passage."

William A. Estabrook. Ch. Clerk.

At the morning service May 20th 1917, Dea. Edward B. Brown was chosen delegate to attend, with the pastor, an ecclesiastical council in the Congl. Church in Monson on June 1st called to install Rev. Langley Sears as their pastor.

William A. Estabrook, Ch. Clerk.

June 1st 1917.

As Dea. Edward Brown was unable to attend the Installation Service in Monson, Dea. Edward Fairman went in his place with the pastor.

W. A. Estabrook - ch. clerk.

August 5 - 1917.

At a business meeting of the church after close of the morning service, it was voted, as the will of the church, to close the Church for the Sundays of the pastor's vacation.

William A. Estabrook - ch. clerk.

October 28 - 1917.

The Church chose nine delegates to attend the Annual Meeting of Hampden Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers to be held in Feeding Hills, Springfield on Thursday, Oct.

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The delegates chosen are as follows:
Lucy & Mrs. Minnie H. Corbin, Dea. E. B. Brown, Dea. E. W. Fairfield and Mrs. C. S. Holmes.

W. A. Estabrook ~ Ch. Clerk.

December 2d

The following delegates attended the Association meeting with the pastor, W. A. Estabrook: Dea. & Mrs. Minnie H. Corbin Dea. E. B. Brown, and Miss Judy Estabrook who went as substitute for Dea. Fairfield

W. A. Estabrook ~ Ch. Clerk.

December 30th, 1917

At the morning service December 30th the church voted to suspend the rule requiring two weeks notice, and voted to grant letters of dismission to Gilbert L. Brown and his wife Florence Brown, and to grant them letters of recommendation to the Isaac W. Thomas Memorial Congregational Church of Chicago Lawn, Ill.

W. A. Estabrook, Ch. Clerk.

Annual Meeting

The annual Church meeting and Roll Call was held Friday evening, Jan. 4th, 1918.

The meeting was called to order by the clerk, Rev. W. H. Estabrook, who was elected Moderator. Robert Steele was elected clerk pro-tem.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator, after the roll was called and eleven members responded. Responses from twenty-five, who were unable to be present were read.

Following the roll-call came the business meeting of the church. The by-laws were read by the moderator. The church clerk gave a report of the year's work showing a present membership of 71, 15 males and 56 females. During the past year the church has lost one member by death, Mrs. Louise H. Parker, and two by letter, Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Brewer L. Brewer. The report of the clerk was accepted.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The following officers were elected.

Clerk-	Rev. W. H. Estabrook
Asst. Clerk,	Miss Gladys Webber
Treasurer,	Dea. Elmer H. Brown
Auditor,	William S. Thomas
Deacon for four years,	Dea. Elmer H. Corbin

Reports of the following organizations of the church were given.

The Ladies Benevolent Society reported a membership of 22; fourteen meetings held during the year. Income for the year $50.78, and expenses $74.05. Of this amount $5.00 was given the Red Cross work, $5.00 for music for Christmas, $2.00 to Training Institute, $2.00 for Xmas music and $30.00 for Parish expenses.

The Woman's Missionary Society reported $30.00 given to Foreign Missions, $21.00 to Home Missions and $5.00 to Schauffler Training School.

The Sunday School reported an average att.

of 49. Receipts from collections in Home Dept. 49.1
and from Benevolent departments $10.20, Social Gov
supplies & dues $62.32, and for Benevolence $7.87.

The U. P. S. C. E. reported a membership of 47.
During the year having received Active & Associate
Giving, 3 collections & Social $7.43, and Expended
$7.23.

The pastor drew a picture of the work in a
brief summary.

It was voted on the motion of Mrs. Corbin that
the name of Mrs. Mary A. Livermore be placed on
the active list in accordance with her wish.

Voted, on the motion of W. S. Spooner, that the section
2, Article II of the by-laws, recommending that every
male member of this Church over 21 yrs. of age should
be a member of the Parish, be amended by striking
out the word "male".

Voted, on motion of Mr. Corbin, that the offering
for 1918 be applied on the preceding year.

The Treasurer reported the following benevolences
of the church for the year 1917.

For Home Missions	$20.28
" Foreign Missions	22.10
" American Miss. Association	12.16
" Sunday School & Pub. Society	13.72
" Congl Church Building Society	16.07
" Congl Educational Society	10.10
" Ministerial Aid	2.00
" Syrian & Armenian Relief	5.50
" Bibles for Soldiers	8.25
" Red Cross Work	37.00
Total	$156.12

Parish Expenses for the year as reported
by the Treasurer, L. B. Brown $1566.4

Voted to adjourn

R. J. Steele, Clerk pro tem
W. A. Estabrook, Clerk

April 2d

At the morning service the following delegates were chosen to attend the Spring meeting of the Hampden Association of Cong'l Churches and Ministers to be held in Brittineague on Wednesday May 8th; Dea. E.W. Fairfield, Dea. M.H. Corbin & Frederick Bissell & Mrs. Elmer Brown.

May 8th

The following delegates attended the Association meeting at Brittineague as before with the exception of Dea. E.W. Fairfield, Dea. M.H. Corbin and Frederick Bissell.

W.A. Estabrook - Clerk.

July 7th

At the Communion Service of the church today the following persons were receiving into membership by letters from the Baptist church in Dudley, Vermont. Levi E. Silvers and Mrs. Howard E. Ball.

W.A. Estabrook - Clerk.

August 4th

It was decided to close the church for the next three Sundays, the pastor's vacation. No services were held except the Y.P.S.C.E. service Sunday evenings.

W.A. Estabrook - Clerk.

September 22.

At the morning service today Dea. M.H. Corbin was chosen delegate to attend the Examination and ordination of Mrs. Frank L. Briggs at Indianola, Neb. October 1st at 3 P.M.

W.A. Estabrook - Clerk.

October 1st The ordination service was not held on account of the epidemic of Spanish Influenza.

W.A.E.

September 29 - November 3.

The Church was closed from Sept. 29th including Sunday Nov. 3d, on account of the epidemic of Spanish Influenza which raged throughout the country.

W.A. Estabrook - Clerk.

November 6th

The pastor attended the Annual meeting of the Hampden

Association of Congl Churches and Ministers held in Hope Church, Springfield. to-day.

W. A. Estabrook - Clerk.

December 1st

At the morning service to-day Dea. E. W. Fairfield was chosen delegate to attend the examination and Installation of Rev. R. S. Merrill on Dec. 6th at half past three o'clock, in Longmeadow, Mass.

At the same service Dea. E. B. Brown was chosen delegate to attend the Council to examine and recognize as pastor Rev. John G. Dutton, at Agawam Dec. 4th at 3:30.

W. A. Estabrook - Clerk.

December 5th.

At the morning service to-day Miss Alma Bissell was chosen delegate to attend the Special Association meeting at Indian Orchard Friday, Dec. 10th at 2 P.M. to examine and Ordain Mrs. Frank L. Briggs.

W. A. Estabrook - Clerk.

December 13th.

The pastor and Gladys W. Estabrook as delegate attended the Ordination service of Mrs. Frank L. Briggs at Indian Orchard. December 11th to 13th.

The pastor attended the Annual meeting of the American Board which was held in Hartford, Conn.

W. A. Estabrook - Clerk

Annual Meeting

The Annual Church Meeting and Roll Call was held Saturday afternoon, January 4th 1919, in the Chapel.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, W. A. Estabrook, who was elected Moderator, and the assistant Clerk acted as clerk of the meeting. After singing the hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," prayer was offered by the Moderator. Clyde and Harry Norcross sang a duet, after which the roll was called, to which Fifty-eight responses were given and letters were received from absent members too late to be read at the roll call. Messrs. Norcross sang another duet. The Rules of the Church were read by the Moderator. The Church Clerk gave a report of the years work, and showing the present membership to be 70. During the past year the Church lost two members by death, Mrs. L. A. Fenn and Charles M. Streeter, and one was dropped from the roll at her own request, and two united by letter. The report was accepted. The Treasurer gave his report and it was accepted. The Treas. reported the following benevolences for the year.

For Home Missions	$ 15.50
" Foreign Missions	3.[illegible]
" American Miss. Association	13.01
" Sunday School and Pub. Society	9.48
" Cong'l Church Building Society	[illegible]
" Cong'l Educational Society	9.[illegible]
" Ministerial Aid	5.10
" Lincoln Memorial Offering	3.50
" National Service Commission	1.00
Total	$ 11[illegible]

The following officers were elected.

Clerk	Rev. W. A. Estabrook
Asst. Clerk	Miss Gladys Webber.
Treasurer	Dea. Miner H. Corbin
Auditor	William S. Spooner
Dea. for four years	Edward W. Fairfield

Reports of the following organizations of the Church were given and accepted.

The Ladies Benevolent Society reported amount on hand of cash Jan. 1st. $60.98. Amt. received during the year $41.95. Amt. expended during the year $89.43 Cash on hand $13.50. Only five meetings held during the year, as the Red Cross work demanded the attention of the Ladies.

The Womans Missionary Society reported $36. sent to the Womans Board of Foreign Missions and $21. sent to the Womans Home Missionary Society and $6. given to the Schauffler Fund and $7. as special Life Membership gift. On hand $

The Sunday School reported having received $60.03 during the year, and expended for supplies $56.32, Leaving a balance in the treasury of $4.71.

The C. E. Society reported a year of good work done along the different lines of activity. Expended $42.48.

It was suggested that an every member canvas be taken in the interest of Missions. A committee was chosen to study the subject and report to a future meeting.

Committee chosen was as follows.

Mr. E. B. Brown, Mrs. M. E. Streeter, Mrs. M. Booth with the pastor.

After singing hymn 496 the meeting was adjourned

Parish expenses for the year as reported by the Treasurer, E. B. Brown. $1406.46.

Gladys Webber, Asst. Clerk.
William A. Estabrook, Clerk.

March 2d

The following persons were this day received into the membership of the Church upon profession of faith. Warren H. Lombeh, Fenner Chandler, William H. Estabrook, Stanley E. Howe, Ray E. Converse, Fr. Irma M. Fonorito, William D. Spooner, Edward H. Spooner, Fred G. Weeden, Frank T. Webber.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

March 6th

At a business meeting held at the close of the Wednesday evening service, Dea. Edward B. Brown was chosen Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dea. Miner H. Conbin.

At the same meeting Miss. Alma Bissell was chosen a member of the Civic Betterment Committee of the Brimfield Council.

W. A. Estabrook - Clerk

April 20th - Easter Sunday -

The following letter was read at the morning service today; "Springfield, April 18th 1915. Rev. W. A. Estabrook, Paston of Church. I write to you, not knowing the Treasurer of Church in Brimfield - thinking perhaps you may be willing to attend to a matter of business I have in mind. Some of all our Lives we feel the desire to express in some way my love for the Church, and desire for its future welfare. I had purposed in a "Will" to bequeath to the Church the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00), but on thinking it over have decided to be my own Executor, so far as I can. Accordingly I enclose in this letter a "Check" for that amount, and ask, if you will kindly present it to the Church, and say the desire of the giver is that it be used towards the purchase of that lasting benefit a Pipe Organ. Believing this would be a great blessing to the Church, not only for the present, but for many years to come."

Sincerely

Mrs. Catherine W. Brown Marsh

W. A. Estabrook - Clerk

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May 4th

Marion Irene Robinson (Mrs. C.H.) was this day received into membership of the Church by Letter, and Kathryn Fairfield Brown, Jessie Dennie Hitchcock Palmer, Hildreth Spooner and May Madison upon profession of faith. It was also voted to receive Nellie Ida Phillips and Thomas Thewen Gray at our next communion service as they were not able to be present today.

At a special business meeting held at the close of the morning service, the following persons were chosen a committee to see what can be done toward securing funds for the purchase of a Pipe Organ for the church, supplementing the $500 given by Mrs. Catherine M. Brown, Clarence B. Brown, Hanni C. Porcross, Albert R. Brown, Bertie E. Campbell and William A. Estabrook. It was voted to extend a very hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. C.M. Brown for her splendid gift. It was voted that this $500.00 which is now in the Palmer National Bank be transferred to the Palmer Savings Bank on July 1st. Voted to adjourn.

W.A. Estabrook, Clerk.

May 7th

The pastor, W.A. Estabrook attended the Spring Meeting of the Hampden Association of Cong'l Churches and Ministers which was held at Feeding Hills.

W.A. Estabrook, Clerk.

May 18th

A special business meeting was held at the close of the morning service, that the Organ Committee might secure an expression from the Church and Parish as to what the desired the Committee to do. The pastor was chosen Moderator of the meeting. The organ question was quite freely discussed. All would like to have an organ put into the church, and some thought that the funds could be raised and were anxious to have the matter pushed forward, believing that it would be a very great blessing for church and community; others thought that there were other things that ought to be done first. It was voted to continue the Committee, and have them look up the price of Pipe Organs

and what it would cost to install one here etc.
Voted to adjourn.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

May 19-21.
The pastor attended the 117 Annual meeting of the Mass. Congregational Conference which was held with the Edwards Church, in Northampton.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

July 6-
At the communion service today, Thomas T. Gray and Nellie Lea Phillips were received into full membership with the church by confession of faith.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk

August 10th
A special business meeting was held at the close of the morning service. W. A. Estabrook was chosen Moderator. After discussion, it was voted to close the Church for the next three Sundays, during the Pastor's vacation. This includes only the morning service.
Voted to adjourn.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

September
The Church extended the pastor's vacation on account of the illness of his son Wm, and furnished supplies for the first two Sundays in September.
The Church, the C. E. P. S. C. E., the Ladies Benevolent Society, together with other people in town raised the sum of $335.70 to help defray the hospital expenses of Wm, for which they have the lasting gratitude of the pastor and his family.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

December 1st
The pastor represented the Church at the Annual Meeting of the Hampden Association of Churches and Ministers at South Hadley Falls.

December 28 Rev. A. L. Hill spoke at the morning service in the interests of the Pilgrim Memorial Fund, and pledges were taken.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

Thirty-two Church Members. Pledges $335.70 = $10.50, Miss. Board $250.

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~Annual Meeting~

The Annual Church Meeting and Roll Call was held in the Church Vestry, Friday, Jan. 2nd, 1920.

A dinner was served at noon by the women of the Church. After dinner the meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Rev. Wm. A. Estabrook who was elected Moderator of the meeting. Miss Martha Sinclair was elected Clerk pro tem on account of the absence of the assistant Clerk, Miss Gladys Hebbe.

The meeting was opened by the singing of hymn 128 after which prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The Clerk pro tem was then asked to call the roll, to which 54 responses were given. A response was made by the pastor from Miss Julia T. Brown, an absent member. Members of other churches, including Mrs. Lowell Wiley, Mrs. George Le Forest and Miss Field. Estabrook responded upon invitation.

The next upon the program was the reading of the Church rules, by Rev. Estabrook who also read the minutes of the last meeting. He opened up

Church activities and accomplishments for the past year, and expressed deep gratitude for the support and help given him. Upon motion of Rev. Edward Brown it was voted to accept the report.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. The election of officers for the coming year was then called for. The following officers were elected.

Clerk,	Rev. William A. Estabrook
Assistant Clerk,	Miss Gladys Hebbe
Treasurer,	Deac. Edward B. Brown
Auditor,	William S. Spooner
Deacon for four years,	Dea. Edward B Brown
Deacon for Two years,	Bertie F. Campbell

Reports from the various organizations of the Church were called for. First the ladies Community Service report read by Mrs. Lowell Wiley, Sec. of Treas. of the society. Money on hand Jan. 1, 1919 $30.06. Rec'd during the year $63.69. Paid out $37.28 leaving in the treasury Jan. 1, 1920 $39.41.

Second. The Ladies Missionary Society, reports given by the Sec. Miss Edna Bissell and Treas. Miss. Chas. Robinson.

The Society gave $5.00 to N.T.M.U. and $40.00 to the W.B.M. and $10.00 to the Schauffler School, and $10.00 to the Syrian & Armenian Orphan Fund.

Third, The Sunday School report given by Miss. Eva Bissell. The school having paid $17.[illegible] on expenses and $3.00 for benevolences. Children have paid $2.[illegible] Aver. Sunday attendance 47¾, Add. offering $1.85½.

Fourth. The Christian Endeavor Society report given by Miss Eva Bissell. The reports were accepted.

The pastor then gave his report, stating the number of calls he had made (not 300) the number of funerals at which he had officiated and the wedding ceremonies performed.

Reports of Committees being in order, Mr. Clarence B. Brown, reported for the Organ Committee. New business then being called for, Mr. Clarence B. Brown, gave a report on the fund on hand for wiring the Church Auditorium for electric lights and upon the matter of subscriptions for dinner expenses, recommending that a new system be adopted for soliciting funds. Mr. Edward Brown also spoke upon the matter of electric lights and reported that the Ladies Benevolent Society and Christian Endeavor Society had coöperated toward this object. Mrs. Edward Brown, reported that the Ladies Benevolent Society at their annual meeting had voted to give $25.00 more provided the electric lights were installed by Easter.

Voted to have a committee of three to work with the parish Com. to forward the above mentioned work. The following committee was elected. Rev. Wm Estabrook Mrs. E. B. Brown and Clarence B. Brown.

The Treasurer, reported the following collections

For Home Missions	$23.61
" Foreign Missions	30.32
" American Missionary Association	7.80

For Sunday School Extension Society	$ 9.51
" Long's Church Building Society	5.64
" Long's Educational Society	3.15
" Ministerial Relief	7.17
" National Service Commission	13.00
Total	$ 38.47

Less paid County Missionary 16.00 - less one 1.00

Membership present 82, 86. Male 30. Female 51.

Closed the singing of hymn 250 the meeting was adjourned.

Martha E. Steele, Sec'y pro tem.
William A. Estabrook, Chm.

Paris Expenses for the year as reported by the Treasurer, C. B. Brown. $1636.82.

W.A.E.

February 1. 1920.

At the morning service today the Church voted to grant the request of Mrs. Margaret M. Browne and gave her a letter of dismission from the Bimetallic Church, and of recommendation to the Presbyterian Church in Wenona, Ill.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

April 14 - 1920

At the Wednesday evening service Dea. Edward M. Enfield was chosen delegate to attend the installation Council of Rev. Eastwood Ward Darby at the Second Congregational Church, Holyoke, Mass. April 20th. 1920

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

April 26 - 1920

A business meeting of the Church was called at the close of the morning service, to the interests of the Long's Fund Endowment Financial Campaign connected with the anniversary Day movement.

W. A. Estabrook was chosen Moderator. Dea. M. E. Enfield was chosen as Committee of one to work with the Secretary & subscription to the fund for us three has been begun. Meeting adjourned.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

Amount Secured $33.00.

May 2d 1920

The following persons were this day received into membership of the Church upon profession of faith, Jessie May Lawrence, Lucinda Belle Lawrence, Gladys Howard Campbell, Mabel Evans Slater, Lawrence Shipley Spencer, Evelyn Reed Moore and Lawrence Lawson Bissell.

W. A. Estabrook Clerk.

April 25, 20

At the Thursday evening service the following delegates were chosen to attend the Spring meeting of the Harper Association F. C. B. Lawrence and Minister to be held in the Church in Brandford May 5th. Invt. Bro. H. S. Brown Bro. M. E. Sexton, Bro. F. E. Brown & Bro. E. W. Fairfield.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

May 12th 1920

The pastor attended the Association meeting in Blandford today.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

August 1st 1920

At a business meeting following morning service, it was voted to close the Church for the morning services during the pastor's vacation, the last three Sundays in August.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

October 10th 1920.

At a business meeting following the morning service it was voted to place the one hundred and nine dollars and seventy cents ($109.70) received from the sale of old papers, in the bank as the Organ Fund.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

October 24th 1920.

At the morning service the following delegates were elected to the Annual Meeting of the Hampden Asso. of Congl Chs. by Invitation. E. W. Fairfield, Bro. & Bro. E. E. Brown, Bro. J. S. Lawrence & H. S. Spooner.

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W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

Manchester — List of Members as revised, Oct. 1915

			How Removed
July 3, 1903	P	Adams, Adella	
Mar. 6, 1892	P	Allen, Edward B.	
Nov. 1, 1887 1902	L	~~Allen, Alice F.~~	2pr. 1919 Dismissed to Nantucket First Congl Church
July 3, 1903	L	~~Barnes, Bertie A.~~	By Letter-June 28, 1922.
Mar 2, 1882	L	Bissell, Frederick	
Jan. 3, 1903	P	Bissell, Ruth W. (Mrs. F.)	
Jan. 3 1903	L	Bissell, Alma W.	
Oct. 1885	L		
May 2, 1897	L	Booth, Melven	
Oct. 1885	L		
May 2, 1897	L	Booth, Emily (Mrs. M.)	
Apr. 7, 1869	P	Brown, Edward B.	By death 1927
1880	P	Brown, Mary A. (Mrs. E.B.)	
Dec. 6, 1853	L	~~Brown, Catherine~~ M.	By Death-April 17, 1921
Jan. 4, 1862	P	Brown, Julia T.	
Mar. 1, 1896	P	Brown, Clarence B.	
Jan. 3, 1903	L	Brown, Jessie F. (Mrs. C.B.)	
Jan. 3, 1904	P	Brown, Marietta	
Jan. 6 1901	L	Brown, Addie L. (Mrs. Edgar)	
July 7, 1889	L	Brown, Emma M. (Mrs. Arthur)	
Apr. 6, 1890	L	Brown, Lillian M. (Mrs. Albert)	Dismissed Feb. 1, 1920. (Presbyterian By Letter to Ch. Wenona)
Jan. 4, 1914	L	Browne, Margaret M.	
July 7, 1918	L	Ball, Bessie A. (Mrs. H. E.)	
Jan. 3, 1903	L	Campbell, Bertie E.	
" 3, 1903	L	Campbell, Cora L. H. (Mrs. B.E.)	
" 3, 1903	P	Chase, Ursula Allen	
Oct. 21, 1908	L	Corbin, Miner H.	By Death- Feb. 4-19
Apr. 29, 1869	P	Corbin, Sarah B. (Mrs. M. H.)	By Death Dec. 27, 19
Mar. 5, 1867	P	Corbin, Herbert M.	By Death Sept. 19, 19
Nov. 3, 1864	P	Curtis, Lucy A.	Died June 1929
July 3, 1903	P	Davenport, Edward H.	By Death April 22, 19
Nov. 4, 1905	L	Douty, Susan	By death Dec. 192
July 2, 1916	P	Douty, Juliet H.	Dismissed to Congl Church, Braintree Sept 28
Nov. 6, 1906	L	Elder, Ethel W. (Mrs. E. S.)	
July 2, 1916	P	~~Elder~~, Constance A. (Mrs. A. J.) Thompson,	

How Removed

Received		List of Members - Revised - July - 1916.	How Removed
Jan. 4. 1914	L	Estabrook, William A.	By Letter Dec 9, 1923. To Thetford Vt.
" 4. 1914	L	Estabrook, Lucretia W. (Mrs. W.A.)	By Death, Jan. 2, 1921
" 4. 1914	L	Estabrook, Rosetta W.	By Letter Dec 9, 1923 To Thetford Vt.
" 4. 1914	L	Estabrook, Gladys W.	By Letter Jan 4, 1924 To Thetford Vt.
Nov. 3. 1912	L	Fairfield, Edward W.	By death Nov 11, 1928
" 3. 1912	L	Fairfield, Lucy E. (Mrs. E.W.)	By death Jan. 17, 1930
July 4. 1908	P	Gray, Bertie M. (Mrs. T.T.)	By Letter - June 29th 1922
Nov. 1. 1803 1803	L	Griggs, Harriet N.	By Death - Sept. 26, 1923
July 3. 1903	P	Hitchcock, Julia E.	By letter to First Baptist Church of Springfield, Mass. Feb. 21, 1930.
July 2, 1916	P	Hitchcock, Rachel T. [illegible]	
Nov. 29 1868	L	Hubbard, Julia A.	By Death Dec 10, 1922
Jan. 4. 1914	P	Howes, Cornelia S.	By Death, March 16, 22
Jan. 4, 1908	L	Lawrence, Annie O. (Mrs. F.H.)	
Nov. 6, 1916	L	Landen, Grace D. (Mrs. H.D.)	
" 6. 1916	L	~~Landen~~ Sherman, Hester (Mrs. G.B.) ✓	
Sept. 5, 1909	L	Moore, May	
May 7. 1916	L	Norcross, G. Clyde	
" 7. 1916	L	Norcross, Harry	Apr 3 1927 1st Dismissed to Matteo- Pastor Baptist Church Farmington, Conn.
" 7. 1916	L	Norcross, Nellie	
Jan. 4, 1914	L	Parker, Orra A. (Mrs. F.T.)	
July 4. 1908	P	Phillips, Ruth N. (Mrs. Louis)	
1880	P	Robinson, Charles W.	Dismissed Dec 31, 1928
July 1. 1908	L	Robinson, Rosa G. ✓	
Nov. 1. 1896	P	Streeter, Martha E.	
Nov. 5. 1904	P	Streeter, Robert J. ✓	
Nov. 3. 1906	P	Streeter, Charles M.	Soldier - in France By Death - October 16, 1918
May 7. 1916	L	Graves Smith, Julia E. G. (Hayes) →	Dismissed Sept 30 1927 to any Baptist Church
July 4. 1915	L	Spooner, William S.	
" 4. 1915	L	Spooner, Myra F. (Mrs. W.S.) ✓	

How Removed

Received — List of Members - Revised - July - 1915.

Received			How Removed
July 4, 1915	P	Spooner, Ethel E.	
" 2, 1916	P	Skinner, Maria D. (Mrs. R. G.)	By letter to First Baptist Church of Springfield, Mass. Feb. 21, 1930.
July 7, 1915	L	~~Stevens, Lettie E.~~	Died Nov 9, 1929
Jan. 1, 1924		Stevens, Annie	Reenstated April 7, 1925 Died
Mar. 6, 1892	P	~~Webber, Willie A.~~	
Jan. 4, 1914	P	Webber, Lilla A.	By Death April 10, 1930
" 4, 1914	P	Webber, Gladys L.	
" 4, 1914	L	Whitney, Artemas A.	
" 4, 1914	L	Whitney, Jessie M. (Mrs. A.A.)	
July 4 1915	P	Wood, Ella M. (Mrs. J. H.)	
Mar. 2, 1919	P	Campbell, Warren Howard	
" 2 "	P	Chandler, Harmon	
" 2 "	P	~~Hartwell, William Harris~~	By Letter Jan. 1, 1921 To Thetford Vt.
" 2 "	P	Howes, Stanley Edward	
" 2 "	P	Ingress, Roy Ellis ⟶	By letter to First Meth. Episc. New Haven, Conn. Feb. 3, 19
" 2 "	P	Fogarity, Gerim Muse	
" 2 "	P	Spooner, William Danforth	
" 2 "	P	Spooner, Edward Howard	
" 2 "	P	Webber, Fred George	
" 2 "	P	Webber, Frank Heinz	
May 4 "	L	Robinson, Marion Irene (Mrs. C.W.)	
" 4 "	L	Brown, Katherine Fairfield	Mrs J.A. Adams
" 4 "	L	Hanson, Jessie Dennie	Mrs Arthur Vantrusen
" 4 "	L	Spooner, Raymond Hildreth	
" 4 "	L	Madison, Marion Hazel	(Mrs Lynwood) Elliott
July 6 "	P	~~Crockett, Jennie~~	By letter June 23, 192
" 6 "	P	~~Phillips, Nellie Ida~~	By letter to Second Ch.
May 2, 1920	P	Campbell, Gladys Howard	
" 2 "	P	Bissell, Lawrence Brown	
" 2 "	P	~~Ethel, Jessie Blake~~	Dismissed to Wilder Federated Ch. by letter March 7, 19 (Mrs. Lebe Thibodeau) Re-instated Oct. 12, 1930.
" 2 "	P	Moore, Ferol Jewell	
" 2 "	P	Lawrence, Helena Mae	Mrs Philip Chamberlain
" 2 "	P	~~Lawrence~~ Webber, Luella Elizabeth	(Mrs. B.J.)
" 2 "	P	Spooner, Lawrence Wilfred	
Mar. 12, 1922	L	~~Greenfield, M. Leroy~~	Dismissed to Warren Cong'l Church Apr 31 '8
" 12 "	L	~~Greenfield, Blanche~~	(Mrs. M.L.) (Mrs Fred)
" 12 "	L	Royce, Maria J.	

Received		List of Members continued	How Removed
May 7, 1922	P	Skinner, Russell G.	By letter to First Baptist Church of Springfield, Mass. Feb. 21, 1930.
April 5, 1924	P	Robert W. W. Campbell	By Letter Jan. 1926.
Sept. 7, 1924	P	Campbell, Robert Mrs.	" " " "
Sept. 7, 1924	P	Moore, Wallace	
Sept. 7, 1924	L	Moore, Mary Mrs. (Mrs. Wallace)	
Jan. 4, 1925	P	Collins, Gladys.	
Jan. 4, 1925	P	Knowlton, Adelaide (Mrs)	
Jan. 4, 1925	L	Prescott, Harriet (Mrs.)	
May 3, 1925	P	Keith, Edna (Mrs)	
May, 3, 1925	P	Moore, Mary E. (Mrs Kenneth Wright)	
May, 3, 1925	P	Tarbell, Mary Anna.	
Aug. 30, 1925	P	Booth, Mabel (Mrs.)	
Aug. 30, 1925	P	Booth, Alice.	
Aug. 30, 1925	P	Booth, Merton	
Aug. 30, 1925	P	Whitney, Beatrice	
Aug. 30, 1925	P	Whitney, Gladys (Mrs. Merton Booth)	
Jan. 1, 1927	L	Mrs. Lowell Wilcox	By death Feb 16, 1928
Jan 2 1927		Mrs. George Dockham	
Jan. 2 1927		Mr. Charles Wheeler	
Jan 2 1927		Mrs. Charles Wheeler	
Jan 2 1927		Irene Whitten	
Jan 2 1927		Jean Crease	
Jan 2 1927		Katherine Lockhard (Mrs Norman Wesson)	
Jan 2 1927		Marie Calder	
Jan 2 1927		Mrs. Lillian Crane	1928 Joined North Church Springfield on Confession
April 3 1927		Frank Gifford	
April 3 1927		Mrs. Frank Gifford	
April 3 1927		Helen Gifford	
April 3 1927		Gardner W. Norcross	
April 3 1927		Mrs. Gardner Norcross (Mary H.)	
April 3 1927		Marie Maddocks	
Jan 1, 1928		Mrs. Eugene Whitten (Gladys)	
Jan 1, 1928		Mrs. George Hitchcock (Mary K.)	
Jan 2, 1927		Rev J. Cecil Hayes →	Dismissed Sept 30 1928 to any church of Baptist denomination.
Nov. 20, 1927		Mrs. Harry Clark	
Nov. 20, 1927		Raymond Clark	
Nov 20, 1927		Mrs. Flora DeForest	

Received	List of Members.	
May 5th 1929	Ainsworth Webber Adams	By letter.
" " "	Mrs. Mildred A. Leno Adams	By profession
" " "	May Landen	By profession
	Edith Kemp	Reenstated. Jan. 1, 1

December 31

The following persons attended the Annual meeting of the Fairfield Association of Congl Churches and Ministers which was held in the First Congl Church, Fairfield: E. S. Dawson, E. W. Fairfield, Mrs J. B. Cobb, Mrs. M. E. Souter, Mrs. Fred Bussell, Rev J. H. Smith & W. A. Estabrook.

W. A. Estabrook Clerk.

October 3d

At the morning service today Rev. E. C. Winslow presented the cause of the New England Home for Little Wanderers, and an opening and pledges were taken. Cash $19.36 Pledges $122 Ev $14.30

W. A. Estabrook, clerk.

December 12th & 19.

At the morning services on Dec. 12th & 19th prayers were taken for the Near East Relief, Christmas 19 $23.00

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

~1921~

~Annual Meeting~

The Annual Church Meeting and Roll Call was held in the Church Vestry, January 3rd 1921. At dinner was served as usual by the Women of the Church. After dinner the meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Rev. W.A. Estabrook, who was elected Moderator of the meeting. The Assistant Clerk, Miss Gladys Howes acted as Clerk. The meeting was opened with a devotional service by Mrs. Nickerson, after which prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The Roll was called by Miss Howes and the response to the name by letter. There was one response from another Church.

The reading of the Church Rules was omitted in the interest of the hour remaining. The Clerk gave a brief report of the last Annual Meeting and of the work of the year. This report was accepted.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The following officers were elected for the coming year.

Clerk	Rev. William A. Estabrook
Assistant Clerk	Miss Gladys Howes
Treasurer	Mrs. Edward B. Brown
Auditor	Mr. Wm S. Spooner
Deacons for 3 yrs.	Mr. Aaron B. Brown

Edward P. Lawrence was chosen Honorary Deacon for life.

Reports of the various organizations were then given. First, the Ladies Benevolent Society's report was read by Mrs. Emma Wilcox, Sec. & Treas. Money on hand Jan. 1st, 1920, $38.41. Paid during the year $113.90. Paid $60.00 toward lighting the auditorium with electricity. Paid $50.00 toward repairs in the Vestry. Paid $3.51 for various items. Balance in Treas. Jan. 1st 1921, $44.47.

Report of Woman's Missionary Society was given by Mrs. Marion Robinson, Treas. Cash on hand 1919 $6.43. Membership dues $3.25; Gifts and collections $61.25. Total $70.93. Paid Woman's Board of Missions

$40.00; Woman's Home Missions $24.00; Easy Pay assessments $2.50. Total $60.66. Bal on hand $4.38.

Report of C. E. Society was given by W. A. Estabrook, treas. Cash on hand Jan. 1st 1920, $11.62. Rec'd $31.00. Paid $24.67 In treasury Jan. 1st 1921, $17.95.

Mrs. Bissell gave report of S. S.

The Treasurer reported the following contributions

Home Missions	$13.12
Foreign Missions	26.88
American Missionary Association	24.00
Cong'l Sunday School & Extension Society	10.25
Cong'l Church Building Society	24.73
Cong'l Educational Society	4.40
Ministerial Aid	3.88

The Church also gave to the Interchurch World Movement $33.50. To the Near East Relief $19.53. To the Home for Little Wanderers $19.30 cash, pledges $25.00. Pilgrim Memorial Fund, cash $61.70, pledged $354.50 and Mrs. Marsh $250.00.

It was voted that a statement be sent to each member regarding the missionary apportionment for the Church together with the dates of taking the offerings.

A letter was read from Charles W. Robinson in which he asked to have his name dropped from the roll of the Church. The Church voted to retain his name on the Church roll, and that this decision be communicated to Mr. Robinson by the Clerk.

Membership Jan. 1, 1921, 92, Male 33, Female 59.

After singing of hymn 284 the meeting was adjourned.

William A. Estabrook, Clerk.

February 6, 1921 -

At the morning service today a special offering was taken for the China Famine Fund. $20.51

The Sunday School gave 5.00

The C. E. Society gave 12.00

37.51

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

March 11

The pastor, W. H. Estabrook, attended the Council of Churches and pastors which convened in Baird Co. meeting to dismiss Rev. Rand Butterfield as assistant pastor of South Church.

W. H. Estabrook, Clerk.

March 16

The pastor attended the Council called to meet in North Church, Springfield to dismiss Rev. Irwin Hanson as pastor of that church.

W. H. Estabrook, Clerk.

April 12

Mr. W. S. Spooner and the pastor attended a Federation conference on Rural Survey of Hampden Co. which was held in the Mahogany Room, Municipal Building, Springfield. Reports were given; problems discussed; Committees chosen.

W. H. Estabrook, Clerk

May 4th

The Spring meeting of the Hampden Association of Congl. Churches and Ministers was held with the Union Congl. Church, North Wilbraham. Bringfield Church was represented by the pastor and the following delegates. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bissell, Mrs. L. A. Webber, Mrs. E. E. Campbell, Mrs. L. R. Stevens, and by the following members not as delegates; Mrs. Julia Hubbard, Mrs. Merwin Smith, Mrs. Arthur Brown, Mrs. Edward E. Stone and Miss Rosette W. Estabrook.

W. H. Estabrook, Clerk

June 6

Mrs. E. E. Campbell as delegate, and W. H. Estabrook, pastor attended a Conference of all the Chs. of Hampden Ass'n at the M. E. Ch., Springfield. Problems were discussed; an organization suggested.

W. H. Estabrook, Clerk

July 31

At a business meeting following the morning service, it was voted to close the Church and S. S. for the next three Sundays, during the pastor's vacation.

minutes Rev. Mr. Eaton & wife & Deacon Ed, retired last Sunday while in town.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

August 7th

Rev. Samuel Eaton preached today. The Church was closed for morning service and S.S. ~~commenced~~ and 21st.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk

December 2d

The annual meeting of the Hampden Association of Congl Churches & Ministers was held in the First Congl Church in Holyoke. Springfield Church was represented by the pastor and Bro. Fred Dixon and Mrs. Sarah Corbin, delegates.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk

1921

Annual Church Meeting.

The Annual Business Meeting and Roll Call of Bremerton Congregational Church was held in the Church Vestry Friday at Noon, December 30th A dinner was served at that gathering by the women of the Church. Soon after dinner the business meeting was called to order by the Pastor, Rev. W. A. Estabrook, who was chosen Moderator of the meeting. The Assistant Clerk, Miss Gladys Webber acted as Clerk of the meeting. After singing a hymn prayer was offered by the Moderator. This was followed by the roll call to which there were forty-four responses given by members of the Church and testimonies were given by many others who were present. The Moderator read the Church rules, and then read the report of the year as Clerk. It was voted to accept the report. The Treasurer, E. B. Brown then gave the Treasurer's report. It was voted to accept and adopt this report. The following officers were elected for the year 1922.

Clerk	Rev. Wm A. Estabrook
Assistant Clerk	Miss Gladys Webber
Treasurer	Dea. Edward B. Brown
Auditor	Mr. Wm S. Spooner
Deacon for 4 years.	Mr. B. E. Campbell

Reports of the various organizations of the Church were then given and accepted.

Ladies Benevolent Society reported $44.47 in the treasury Jan. 1921. receive during the year $121.74. Expended during the year $103.39. Leaving in the treasury Dec. 30th $70.82.

Woman's Missionary Society reported in the year ending Oct. 30th 1921. Cash on hand Oct. 1st $7.50, received $111.03. Paid W. B. F. M. $71.00; W. H. M. A. $52.00 Home and Foreign $5.00; Pleasant Hill Academy $5.00; Old Folks $2.50 Credit $13.00. Total $118.50. Dr Treasury $5.83

Christian Endeavor Soc. Cash on hand Jan. 1. 1921 $1.00 Rec'd $92.06. Expended $91.25. On Treas. Dec. 30. 1921. $18.86

The Treasurer reported the following benevolences:

Home Missions	$23.57
Foreign Missions	32.24
American Missionary Association	26.99
Sunday School Extension Society	17.91
Model Building Society	15.26
Educational Society	7.73
Ministerial Aid	3.00

Mrs. Bissell reported for the Sunday School

Cash on hand Jan. 1st 1921. $16.36. Rec'd during year $167.24

Expended during year $171.01. Cash on hand Jan. 1, 22 $11.59

It was voted to send all of our Missionary offerings for the year to the Commission on Missions in New York, where it will be apportioned to the various Missionary Societies according to the percentage as worked out by the Commission.

Voted that the Missionary offerings be taken on the same Sundays each month as last year.

Voted to adjourn after the singing of a hymn and the benediction.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk

February 26th 1922

A special business meeting of the Church was held in the Ladies Parlor directly following the morning service. Clarence B. Brown was chosen Moderator of the meeting. The Clerk presented the following letters. Mr. Leroy Fruendlich and Blanche D. Fruendlich from the First Congl. Church of Monument, Mass. to the First Congl Church of Springfield. Also the letter of Maria J. Kinsley of the First Congl Church of Ramsfield. It was voted to accept these persons as members of our Church.

The Clerk also read letters from Bertie A. Barnes and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas T. Gray asking for letters from this Church. After a few words of explanation by the Pastor it was voted to choose a committee of five to see the parties and to try to persuade them to keep their membership with this Church. It was also voted that these names

draw up resolutions of confidence and of appreciation of what they have done for the town, especially in the purchase of the Brimfield Hotel and in making it a strictly temperate and clean house.

The Committee chosen Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bowman, Mr. S. E. Campbell, Miss Hodges, Deacon H. A. Edwards.

Resolutions

The First Congregational Church of Brimfield, Mass. assembled in a special business meeting on Feb 26th, 1922 following the morning service desires to express its confidence in Mrs. Bertie A. Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Gray in the following resolutions;

Resolved: That we acknowledge that we have been mistaken, as a church, in Expressing our appreciation of what they have done for the Town of Brimfield.

Resolved; That we wish to express our appreciation of the wedding which has added to the value of the town property.

Resolved: That we wish to express our appreciation of what Mr. Haddon and Mrs. Barnes have done in purchasing the Brimfield Hotel, and making it a strictly temperate and clean house.

Resolved: That we most sincerely urge Mrs. Bertie A. Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Gray to keep their Church membership with us.

M. A. Estabrook - Clerk.

March 19th 1922.

A special business meeting of the Church was held at the close of the Morning Service today. Clarina B. Brown was chosen moderator. The Committee chosen to see Mrs. B. A. Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Gray about keeping their names on our Church records reported that they had seen and talked with them but had failed to persuade them to leave their names on our records.

It was voted to defer action on their letters until after other members of the Church had seen them and talked with them.

Voted to adjourn

M. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

April 6

Russell H. Skinner came before the Standing Committee of the Church at the close of the morning service, and after examination it was voted to propose his name to the Church

April 23. At the morning service today the name of Russell H. Skinner was proposed for membership and at the communion service. W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

April 30.

At the morning service today the following people were chosen delegates to attend the Spring meeting of the Hampden Association of Churches and Ministers, to be held in East Longmeadow on Wednesday. May 3rd, Mrs. J. S. Spoor, Edward Fairchild, Mrs. Emma Brown and Mrs. Brooks.

May 3d The following persons from the Church attended the Association meeting in East Longmeadow, Mrs. Edward B. Brown, Miss Julia Brooks, Miss Rosella Estabrook and Rev. W. A. Estabrook. W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

May 7th

At the Communion service today, Russell H. Skinner was received into full membership with the church on confession of faith.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

June 18, 1922.

At the morning service today a letter of dismission and recommendation was given to Miss Hallie Phillips from this Church to the South Congregational Ch. Springfield, Mass. The request that the letter was presented to the Church last week, previously. W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

June 29, 1922.

A business meeting was called at the close of the preparatory service this evening. The pastor was chosen moderator of the meeting. The first business taken up was the matter of granting letters to Mrs. Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. Gray. It was voted to grant the letters as they requested.

Russell Skinner moved that a committee of five be chosen to take up the matter of securing a new pipe organ for the Church, and the motion was seconded

by Dea. E. B. Brown. The question was discussed by several members who thought that the time was ripe to go ahead with the raising of funds. The motion was carried by a large majority. The Com. as follows was unanimously chosen: Russell E. Skinner, representing Greenfield, Rosetta M. Estabrook, Mrs. C. B. Brown and Gladys H. Campbell. Voted to adjourn.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

July 9-1922.

At the close of the morning service today a business meeting of the Church was called to decide what to do during the pastor's vacation.

W. A. Estabrook was chosen moderator of the meeting.

It was voted to keep the Church open during the pastor's vacation, if supplies can be secured for those Sundays and to use the offerings in those Sundays toward defraying the expenses of the supplies.

Voted to adjourn.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

August 6th 1922

A business meeting was held at the close of the morning service today. W. A. Estabrook was chosen moderator of the meeting. It was voted to close the Church for the morning services on August 20th and 27th. Rev. Samuel Eaton to supply the pulpit on Aug. 13th.

Voted to adjourn

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk

October 2, 1922

At the morning service today the following persons were chosen delegates to attend the fall meeting of the Hampden Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches to meet in Longmeadow Oct. 17th. W. S. Spooner, E. B. Brown, Mrs. Sarah Corbin, Mrs. F. Edgar Brown and Mrs. C. M. Robinson.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

October 4th 1922

The pastor, W. A. Estabrook attended the Installation service of Rev. J. F. Bromilow in North Church Springfield.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk.

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October 17th, 1922.

Mrs. C. M. Robinson and the pastor attended the annual meeting of the Hampden Association of Congl. churches and ministers held in Longmeadow today.

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk

November 26, 1922

A short business meeting was held at the close of the morning service. W. A. Estabrook was chosen Moderator of the meeting. The Moderator read a letter which he had received from Geo. L. Plimpton, Prin. of Tilton Seminary, N. H., in which he very kindly offered to give his lecture on the Passion Play of Oberammergau on Sunday eve Dec. 10th. It was voted to accept his offer, and to leave the matter of place, Church or Hall, and to see to advertising the lecture, to the Pastor and the Young Men's Club. Voted to adjourn

W. A. Estabrook, Clerk

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Annual Church Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting and Roll Call of the Brimfield Congregational Church was held in the Church Vestry Saturday afternoon, Jan. 6th 1923.

A dinner was served at half past twelve by the women of the church. About two o'clock the meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Wm. Estabrook, who was chosen Moderator of the meeting. The Assistant Clerk, Miss Gladys Walker acted as Clerk of the meeting. After singing a hymn, prayer was offered by the Moderator. The roll was called, and 56 responses were given by members of the Church and several others responded to the invitation to speak.

The moderator read the Church rules, and also the Deacons report for the year. Voted to accept the report.

The Treasurer, E. B. Brown then gave his report. Voted to accept the Treas. report.

The following officers were elected for the year 1923.

Clerk	Rev. Wm. A. Estabrook
Assistant Clerk	Miss Gladys Walker
Treasurer	Mrs. M. E. Strand
Auditor	C. W. Robinson
Deacon for Four years	Edward W. Fairfield

The reports of the Various organizations of the Church were then given and accepted.

Womans Missionary Society, Mrs. Campbell, Pres. Mrs. Robinson, Treas. Paid Foreign Missions $68.00
" Home Missions 56.00

The Ladies Benevolent Society, Mrs. L. Wilcox Sec. and Treas. Cash on hand Jan. 1st '22, $76.00, Received during the year $23.57. Expended during the year $80.82.

The Sunday School, Mrs. F. Bissell Sec'y Treas. Cash on hand Jan. 1, '22, $11.07. Received $155.97. Paid out $138.04 Bal. on hand Jan. 1st '23. $28.41.

Christian Endeavor Society, H. E. Estabrook, Treas. Cash on hand Jan. 1st '22, $18.86. Received $41.66. Paid out $48.64. Cash on hand Jan. 1st 1923. $11.88.

The Treasurer, E. B. Brown, reported the Benevolent contributions, as follows. Received for West Brimfield $22.0

Second quarter $47.06; Third quarter $30.25; Fourth quarter $36.00. Total for the year $142.36
Received for Home Expenses $125.04. Total $267.40.

The Organ Committee reported that they had looked into the price of organs and found that the price had been increased very much during the past two years, and as nothing further had been done as yet.

It was voted to extend an invitation to the Hampden Association of Congl Churches and Ministers to meet with us for the Spring meeting.

Voted to take the Church contributions for missions as last year.

Voted to adjourn

Gladys Webber, Assistant Clerk
W. H. Estabrook, Clerk.

May 2d 1923

The Spring meeting of the Hampden Association of Congl Churches and Ministers was held in our church today with a good attendance and a very inspiring Meeting. Collection 17½ [illegible]

W. H. Estabrook, Clerk.

July 29th 1923

A short business meeting was held today at the close of the morning service. It was voted to keep the Church open for one or two of the three Sundays of the pastor's vacation if supplies can be secured from the alumni of H. T. S. It was voted to leave the matter of securing supplies in the hands of the Prudential committee. W. H. Estabrook was chosen Moderator.

Voted to adjourn.

W. H. Estabrook, Clerk.

August 5, 1923

A short business meeting was held today at the close of the morning service. W. H. Estabrook was chosen Moderator.

The committee reported that Rev. McGill would not be able to preach as had been hoped. It was reported that Rev. Morton Hale would be glad to preach on Sunday. Voted to leave the matter with the Church Com. to secure him or some other supply for one of the Sundays and to close the Church for the other two.

Voted to adjourn

W. H. Estabrook, Clerk.

Sept. 30, 1923. A meeting of the church was called at the close of the morning service. Edward O. Brown was chosen moderator. The following letter from the pastor W. A. Estabrook was read:

Brimfield, Mass., Sept. 29, 1923.

To the First Congregational Church of Brimfield, Mass.

Dear Friends;

Today is the first of last July we began our work together as pastor and people. The year is passed in my memory, and it is with the sincere hope that the year has passed without at least some true progress in the growth of the Kingdom.

During these years we have received into the fellowship of the church by letters twenty-two persons and on confession of thirty-three, making a total of fifty-five. Of this number have been removed by death and three by letters.

It has been my sad duty and privilege to be called into many of your homes where loved ones have been called to their eternal home and have attended seventy-seven funerals in Brimfield, [illegible] forty-eight who have been brought here for burial, and I have also attended twelve funerals outside of Brimfield; making a total of one hundred and seventeen.

For several months I have realized very deeply that I have not had the full support of our members & have missed very keenly the earnest prayers that used to be offered for the pastor in our evening services. We all know that a divided house cannot prosper.

It seems best, therefore, in the

interests of the Kingdom it [illegible]
ent, for me to tender my resignation as
pastor of the First Congregational Church
of Brimfield.

I request that my resignation [illegible]
effect [illegible], the thirty-
first day of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
resignation may take effect the thirty-
first of October.

I ask that a meeting of the Church
be called at an early date to take
action upon this resignation [illegible]
that I may return a definite answer to
the Church in Vermont that has given me
a unanimous call to become its pastor.

I hope and pray that you may
soon secure the services of a pastor
with whom all can unite in the
service of God; for without union
there can not be true prosperity.

My interest in this Church and community
will not cease when I go to
another field; and I shall [illegible]
to hear of your prosperity and growth
in Christian love and fellowship.

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The
Lord make his face shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee: The Lord
lift up his countenance upon thee, and
give thee peace."

Believe me your true friend and pastor,
William M. Estabrook.

Upon motion of William [illegible],
it was voted to defer action until [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

as possible. Delgates were chosen to represent our church at the Hampden County Association of Churches and Ministers to be held at Holyoke Oct. 12, 1923.

Attested:
Gladys L. Webber {Assistant Clerk.

Oct. 7, 1923.

The adjourned meeting was called following the morning service with Edward K. Brown as moderator. Mr. Estabrook's letter of Sept. 29th was re-read by the moderator.

Voted to adopt the following letter read by William S. Spooner. It was also voted that said letter should be recorded

Brimfield, Mass., Oct. 7, 1923.

Rev. William J. Estabrook
Pastor First Congregational Church
of Brimfield, Mass.
Dear Pastor,-

"It is not necessary to tell you of the keen sorrow of most of the members [illegible] and community, on learning that you are soon going to another field. [illegible] ten years we have been [illegible] You have rejoiced with us when we were happy, and even more our sorrows have been yours, also. We, too, have been touched to the tenderest spot in our hearts by the deep and long continued sorrow and bereavement of our pastor. And during it all, and all the time we have noted your self forgetfulness, your genial and unruffled disposition, and

your hopeful and even joyous attitude to each one of us. And what is much more, we have been drawn ~~much~~ closer and closer in our spiritual life as our religious [illegible] understandings have grown and developed through communion with our Heavenly Father as pastor and people.

And now that you are about to [illegible] from us, and we are assembled to consider your request that your resignation take effect the 31st day of October; and while we do hereby accept your resignation, to take effect Oct. 31, 1923; we do not [illegible] the same act and on the same paper to state that we believe the only differences or difficulties which may exist are those which must exist in any church, where the pastor continually grows [illegible] broadens and a few in the church members do not. And we wish [illegible] to recommend our pastor, in the highest terms at our command to any church desiring a faithful conscientious preaching, efficient, and growing pastor, a man led by the Spirit of God and especially well qualified to preach the gospel of love and communion with the Father."

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Oct. 28, 1923. A short meeting of the church followed the morning service. Edward B. Brown was chosen moderator. A committee for the purpose of securing supply for pulpit was appointed as follows; Mrs. M. E. Streeter, W. S. Spooner, Mrs. D. N. Lawrence, Clarence C. Brown and C. E. Campbell.
Voted to adjourn. Gladys L. Webber
Clerk.

Dec. 9, 1923.
At a regular business meeting of the church following the morning services it was voted that the request of Rev. W. A. Estabrook and Miss Rosetta Estabrook for letters of dismissal be granted with recommendations from the First Congregational Church of Brimfield, Mass to the First Congregational Church of Thetford Vermont.
Deacon Edward Fairfield was chosen delegate to attend the service at Faith Congregational Church of Springfield, Mass. for its pastor, Rev. Claude McKay to be held Dec. 11, 1923.
Voted to adjourn. Gladys L. Webber
Clerk.

Dec. 23, 1923.
At a special business meeting of the church, it was voted that the committee who had charge of securing pulpit supply ask Rev. Robert Campbell to come and occupy the pulpit for several Sundays.
Voted to adjourn. Gladys L. Webber, Clerk.

Annual Meeting, Church

The annual roll call and business meeting of the First Congregational Church of Brimfield, was held in the church vestry Friday evening, Jan. 4, 1924. A supper was served by the young ladies of church after which came a song service and prayer by Deacon Booth. The roll was called and 56 responses were given. The clerk called the business meeting. Robert M. Streeter was chosen as moderator and read the church rules.

The clerk reported a total of 85 members to date, 33 males, 52 females, 64 resident and 21 non resident members. The report as well as the treasurer's were accepted and adopted.

The following were officers elected for the year 1924.

Clerk	Gladys F. Weaver.
Treasurer	Martha E. Streeter
Auditor	C. W. Robinson
Deacon (7 years)	Edward B. Brow

The reports from the various organizations of the church were read and adopted.

Ladies Benevolent Society, Mrs. Lowell Wilcox Sec. & Treas. Cash on hand Jan. '23 0, received during year, expended

The Sunday School, Mrs. D. Bissell Sec. & Treas. Cash on hand Jans. 1, '23; $28.91, received $11.[illegible] expended $113.11.

The Missionary Society, Mrs. C. W. Robinson Treas. received $39.33 during year; expended $39.20.

The C.E. Society. Gladys L. Webber Treas. Cash on hand Jan. '23, $11.98; received $43.024 expended $19.52.

Voted upon request of Gladys Estabrook and William H. Estabrook, that letters of dismissal and recommendations be granted to the First Congregational Church of Shelford, Vt.

Voted that the standing committee of church, S. School Supt. and parish committee choose the church organist.

Extracts from the account and sermon of Rev. Vaile, a former pastor, was given by E. B. Brown.

Voted to take the church contributions for missions, the last two Sundays of the month, as last year.

Voted to adjourn. G. L. Webber, Clerk

Jan. 6, 1924

The church members were called together following the morning service. It was suggested that a church meeting be called the next Sun. Jan. 13th when more members might be present.

Meeting adjourned. G. L. Webber, Clerk.

Jan. 13, 1924

Meeting called to order, and presided over by E. B. Brown.

Motion made by Mrs. Emma Brown that the vote which was ~~taaken~~ taken at the Annual meeting of Jan. 4, "That the standing committee Sunday School Superintendent and parish committee of the church choose the church organist," be sustained, was seconded and carried by majority present.

Expression of minds was called for by one of parish committee as to the use of the piano or organ for morning worship. A preference for the organ was shown.

Meeting adjourned. G. L. Webber
Clerk

Jan. 20, 1924.

The meeting of the church was called to order by the clerk. E. E. Campbell was elected moderator. The motion by Mrs. M. E. Streeter that the church give Rev. Robert Campbell a call to be pastor of this church for one year was seconded and carried by a unanimous vote.

Voted to adjourn.

G. Y. Hobart, Clerk.

Jan. 27, 1924.

The meeting of the church was called to order by the clerk, twenty-five members or more being in attendance. C. B. Brown was chosen moderator. Motion made by E. E. Campbell that all rules be suspended temporarily and that all necessary business be transacted at this time. Upon the motion of Mrs. M. E. Streeter it was voted unanimously to extend a call at this time to Rev. Robert Campbell as pastor of this church, ~~for~~ the period of one year.

Upon the motion of C. B. Brown it was voted that the standing committee of the church co-operate with the parish committee as suggested to its decision.

Voted to adjourn. G. Y. Hobart, Clerk.

Jan. 28, 1924

To the Deacons, Officers, & Members of the First Congregational Church,

Greeting:

Your kind invitation to become your Pastor has been received by me and duly considered. After much prayer, and careful consideration, I have decided to accept and am hoping and believing that our relations as Pastor and people

shall be the best according to our Christian principles.

My own endeavor shall be to know Christ and Him crucified, and as His servant, I sincerely hope that each and all shall accept me as a friend as well as your Pastor.

Praying that God may bless our labors together, and believing to see His Kingdom extended amongst us.

Believe me to remain,

Your servant in His Name,

Rev. Robert W. W. Campbell.

April 24, 1924.

The deacons of the church voted that after one week's notice to receive Rev. Robert W. W. Campbell on confession of faith and extend to him the right hand of fellowship in behalf of our church.

May 4, 1924.

Rev. Robert W. W. Campbell was received on confession of faith as member of our church at the regular communion service to-day.

G. L. Webber.

Aug. 10, 1924.

At a business meeting held at the close of the morning service it was voted that the standing committee be authorized to do as they deemed best in regard to the church services during the pastor's vacation. It was voted to give Mrs. Robert W. Campbell the right hand of fellowship at our next communion, also to receive by letter Wallace Moore and Mary E. Moore from the Orthodox Congregational Church of Holland.

Meeting adjourned.

G. L. Webber.

Sept. 7, 1924. Wallace Moore, Mary Moore [illegible] presented a membership recommendation from the Congregational Church of Holland, Mass. Mrs. Robert B. Campbell was elected [illegible] of faith.

G. L. Webber

Dec. 21, 1924. The church voted to receive Mrs. Adelaide Knowlton and Miss Gladys Collins on profession of faith and Mrs. Harriet Prescott by letter as members of this church, at our next regular communion service.

G. L. Webber

Dec. 28, 1924. At a special meeting called after the church service, it was voted that the annual roll call and business meeting of the church be held Thursday Jan. 1, 1925. Voted that the following act as a dinner committee for the Roll Call dinner: Adella Adams, Ethel Spooner, Rachel Hitchcock, Jessie Hitchcock, Gladys Campbell, Nellie Norcross, Marion Bissell.

G. L. Webber, Clerk.

Jan. 4, 1925. At the communion service Mrs. Adelaide Knowlton, Miss Gladys Collins and Mrs. Harriet Prescott were received as members of the church this day.

G. L. Webber, Clerk

Apr. 3, 1925. It was voted at a special meeting of the church to receive Mrs. Edna K. Kith, Miss M. Anna Turbell and Miss Mary Moore as members of church.

G. L. Webber, Clerk

May 3, 1925. Mrs. Edna K. Kith, Miss M. Anna Jay Turbell and Mrs Mary Moore were admitted upon confession of faith to church membership.

G. L. Webber, Clerk

1925.

The annual roll call and business meeting of the First Congregational Church of Brimfield was held at the church Jan. 1, 1925. The dinner was served by a group of younger members, followed by the roll call. Deacon Booth opened with prayer, after which the roll was called by the clerk. There were 57 responses by members present and absent. Several others responded to invitations to speak. The business meeting was called to order by the clerk, Robert A. Streeter, being chosen moderator, the church rules were read and the following officers were elected.

Clerk	Gladys L. Webber
Treasurer	Martha E. Streeter
Auditor	Charles H. Robinson
Deacon for 4 years	Clarence B. Brown.

The reports of the various organizations were read and accepted.

Ladies Benevolent Society, Sec. & Treas. Mrs. Ethel L. Eldridge reported on hand Jan. 1, 1924 $5.60 rec'd during yr. $21.26 expended $24.76 Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1925, $2.10.

Sunday School, Sec & Treas. Mrs. Fred Cissell reported Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1924, $1.13 received during yr. $11.47 Bal. Jan. 1, 1925, $9.50, expended during yr. $3.10.

Missionary Society, Treas. Mrs. Marion Rice reported Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1924 $1.13 Balance received during yr. $8.61 $9.74 Bal. Jan. 1, 1925, $10; expended during year $3.26.

C. E. Society, Treas. Gladys L. Webber, Jan. 1, 1924 Cash on hand $35.56. Received during year $28.12; Expended during the year $54.10. Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1925. $9.52.

The clerk's report was as follows; Total membership to date 87; 34 males and 53 females. 69 resident members and 18 non residents. There were no deaths recorded during the year.

Two letters of dismission were given to Readys W. Estabrook and William W. Estabrook.
Four members were received during the year; two by letter and two by confession of faith.
The ministers report was as follows;
Oct., 1924 - Sept. 1, 1925. Number of pastoral calls not including extra calls to those who were ill, 277.
Attended all prayer meetings except two.
" " C.E. meetings " "
" " preaching services " 1.
Have conducted 8 funerals in Crimfield
" " 3 " " Holland
" " 1 " " Three Rivers.
Have officiated at three weddings.

Upon the motion of C.B. Brownjr, was voted that the pastor and standing committee of the church choose the kind of offering envelopes for our church.
Voted my ballot to change from Robert W. H. Campbell nor Injar with the understanding that if a change is desired by either pastor or church three months notice shall be given.
A vote of thanks was extended to the dinner committee.
Voted to adjourn. G. L. Webber
Clerk.

April 7, 1925.
Meeting called following church service and Rev. R. H. Campbell was chosen moderator. Two names were presented for church membership; M. Ommar Tarbell, Edna Keith and Mary E. Moore. It voted to accept these proposed members at our next communion. Voted upon motion

of Clarence Brown to reenstate Mrs. Annie Stevens as member of our church. Voted to adjourn. Gladys L. Webber, Clk

May 3, 1925. At the morning services, Mrs. Edna Keith, Miss M. Anna Tarbell and Miss Mary E. Moore were received on confession of faith into full membership in our church. At the close of the service the following delegates were elected to attend the Hampden Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown, Mrs. S. B. Corbin, Mrs. H. L. Moore and Mrs. M. E. Streeter. This is the annual meeting to be held at Westfield, May 6, 1925.

- Gladys L. Webber, Clerk

(August 16) 1925.

At the close of the morning service a church meeting was called, Rev. R. H. Campbell presiding as moderator. The following names, Mrs. Mabel A. Booth, Alice L. Booth, Ilperton L. Booth, L. Gladys Whitney, and Beatrice Whitney were presented to the church. Voted to accept these applicants on confession of faith. The question as to holding services during our pastor's vacation; the first two weeks of Sept. was discussed. Voted that the Standing Committee of the church be empowered to attend to this matter. Meeting adjourned.

Gladys L. Webber, Clk

Aug. 30, 1925.

At the special communion service held to-day instead of Sept. 6, Mrs. Mabel A. Booth, Alice Booth, Ilperton Booth, Beatrice Whitney and Gladys Whitney were admitted as members of the church.

Oct. 4, 1925. At the special meeting of the morning service the church chose the following delegates to represent our organization at the Hampden County Association of Churches to be held Oct. 9th at Chicopee. The delegates were Mrs. Streeter, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Whitney, Mrs. L. C. Campbell, Mrs. Bissell, Mrs. Milton Booth. Moved to adjourn. Gladys Mead, Clerk.

Nov. 28, 1925. Brimfield, Mass.

To the Officers and Members of the Direct Congregational Church and Parish, Greeting:

After much thought and prayer, I have reached the conclusion that the time has come for a change in Leadership, and to this end I beg to tender my resignation as Pastor of this Church. May I ask that our connections as Pastor and people may be severed not later than Jan. 31st next.

Yours very truly,
Robert H. W. Campbell.

Dec. 6, 1925.

Following the morning service, a meeting of the church was called to order by the clerk and Clarence C. Brown was chosen moderator. The purpose of the meeting was to act upon the pastor's resignation of Nov. 28th.

Motion made by Edward Brown and seconded by C. E. Campbell that the pastor's resignation be accepted to take effect under the pastoral duties now Jan. 31, 1926.

Upon motion of C. E. Campbell it was voted that a committee be appointed

to draw up resolutions in regard to the resignation of Rev. Robert W. H. Campbell. The committee were; Mrs. M. E. Streeter, C. E. Campbell and Mrs. F. M. Lawrence.

It was suggested that the Standing Committee of the Church have charge of supplying all pulpit vacancies as they have in the past.

Voted to adjourn. Gladys L. Webber Clerk

1926.

The Annual Roll Call and Business Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Brimfield was held in the church vestry Jan. 1, 1926, following an excellent dinner served by the committee of younger women of the church. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. R. W. Campbell and after singing a hymn the roll call was read. There were sixty eight responses from the members and two others responded to the invitation to speak.

The clerk called the meeting to order and Robert J. Streeter was chosen as moderator. The reports of the officers of the church were accepted and adopted as follows:

Pastor's Report.
1925-1926.

Pastoral Calls made	345
Preaching Services	49
Prayer Meetings	41
Christian Endeavor Meetings	46
Minister's Meetings	10
Conventions Attended	4

Infants Baptized 7 Children baptized 5
Funerals attended 9
Weddings 0.

Respectfully submitted
Rev. R. W. H. Campbell

Clerk's Report.

Total membership of church 99.
64 females. 35 males. 19 residents
20 absent members. During the year
1 has received 11 members and restored
1, making total 12. 11 have been removed
deaths and correction of list making
given for the past year. Read & filed.

Treasurer's Report
of Benevolences.

Amount of contributors for 1925 which
were expended by Congregational #116.26
Amount contributors for 1925 which
were for home expenses #79.50

M.E. Stuart Treas.

The following officers of the church
were elected:

Steadys Women Court.
Mario Robinson, Treas.
C. H. Robinson Auditor
L. E. Campbell Teacher for 4 years.

Reports of various Organizations

Women's Missionary Society M. Robinson Treas.
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1925 .10
Rec'd during year #16.64
Expended " 16.74
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1926 #0.00

Ladies Benevolent Society. Ethel Anderson Treas.
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1925 #97.00
Rec'd during year 27.12
Expended " 11.42
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1926 #76.70

Sunday School. Ruth Stuart Asst. Treas.
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1925 #19.58
Rec'd during year 14.96
Expended " " 15.27
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1926 #18.14

Christian Endeavor Gladys Robinson Treas.
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1925 #1.52

Rec'd during year $39.67
Expended " " 23.37
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1926 $16.82

Report of Committee on Resolutions given as follows by Mrs. M. E. Streeter.

Brimfield, Mass. Dec. 15, 1925.

Whereas Rev. Robert W. H. Campbell deeming it expedient, according to his best wisdom and judgment, to withdraw from his present Pastorate in the Brimfield Congregational Church,

Be it resolved ---- that we as a Church extend to him our sincere gratitude and thanks for all his efforts for our spiritual welfare.

Be it further resolved, ---- that we have listened with appreciation to the gospel as has been expounded from the pulpit and have been profited by the many kindly expressions of interest in all the activities of the Church.

Resolved that we are also sincerely grateful for all manifestations of sympathy in sickness and affliction in all sections of the town.

Resolved that as we have accepted our Pastor's resignation, and as he is about to enter a new field of labor, we pray he may be abundantly blest with health, happiness and prosperity.

Resolved that in his new pastorate he may be enabled by the grace of God, to accomplish his heart's desire in the promotion and extension of Christ's Kingdom.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Rev. R. W. H. Campbell and that they be spread upon our records.

Signed by Com.

Mrs. M. E. Streeter,
G. E. Campbell
Annie O. Lawrence

The church accepted and adopted the resolutions.

Applications for letters of dismission were read from Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Campbell and Miss A. Torrance.

The pastor read a letter from Rev. Charles E. Burton of the National Council of Congregational Churches in regard to the building of a church as a memorial to Congregationalism at Washington, D.C.

Voted that this cause be presented to our church as suggested by the Executive Com. of the Council on Sun. Eve. 31 Jan. 1926.

Voted upon motion of Miss M. Spooner that a vote of thanks be extended to the dinner committee who had assisted so admirably.

Voted upon motion of C. L. Brown that envelope system be continued as to collection of funds.

Voted upon motion of C. L. Brown that all loose money collected on the plate the first two Sundays of each month be devoted for home expenses.

Voted to adjourn. - Gladys V. Webber Clerk.

Jan. 17, 1926.

A meeting of the church was called at the close of the service. Clarence L. Brown was chosen moderator. Letters of dismission to R. and Mrs. R. H. Campbell to the First Congregational Church of South Egremont, Mass., also to Miss Thorrance to the Grace Congregational of Framingham, Mass. were granted. Discussion as to pulpit supply followed.

Voted to adjourn. - Gladys V. Webber Clerk.

June 20, 1926

Meeting was called to order by Dea. Edward B. Brown; Robert J. Streeter was chosen moderator. Motion was made by B. E. Campbell that Rev. J. C. Lewis, present pastoral supply make arrangements with Rev. J. Cecil Hayes to supply the pulpit June 27th or the Sun. following.

Voted that the Standing committee make further investigations in regard to Rev. J. Cecil Hayes.

Motion by H. E. Spooner and carried that the Standing Committee notify the church members at least seven days notice previous to any church meeting in regard to calling a pastor.

Voted to adjourn.

Gladys Webber
Clerk.

July 7, 1926.

A special business meeting was called by the clerk and Robert J. Streeter was chosen moderator. The motion was made by Dea. B. E. Campbell and seconded by Deacon Edward B. Brown that the Rev. J. Cecil Hayes be called as a stated supply for an indefinite time and in case of absence the secure a temporary supply.

Voted to adjourn.

Gladys L. Webber
Clerk

The following letter in reply to the notification of the vote taken at the July 7th meeting was received from Rev. J. Cecil Hayes.

Holyoke, Mass.,
July 13, 1926.

Your letter informing me of the action of the Bridgefield Church extending me a call to become stated supply for said church

was duly considered.

In reply will say that I will be very happy to accept said invitation. I will try and occupy the pulpit next Sunday.

I pray that the service I may render will be of real value to the Kingdom of God, and that many may be lifted to higher plains of living.

May the grace of God be with you all.

Very sincerely yours,
J. Cecil Hayes.

Aug. 1, 1926.

A special meeting was called following the morning service, E. B. Brown presiding. Voted to close the church Aug. 8, Aug. 15, and Aug. 22, three consecutive Sundays. The last Sunday Aug. 29, Rev. Andrew McGill was invited to occupy the pulpit. Voted to adjourn.

Gladys L. Webber
Clerk

Oct. 14, 1926

At a meeting of the Church held after the midweek prayer meeting, Clarence B. Brown and B. E. Campbell were chosen as delegates to represent this Church in an Ecclesiastical Council and ordination and installation of Mr. [illegible] Pastor of Hanson Congregational Church.

G. L. Webber
Clerk.

Nov. 7, 1926.

A special meeting of the Church was called at the close of morning service. Rev. J. Cecil Hayes, presiding. Upon the motion of Mrs. Ethel Elder, it was voted that the Organ Committee which were appointed

May 4, 1919 ~~Ba~~ discharged.

Voted that the Standing Committee of the Church be empowered to appoint ~~a~~ new committee.

Voted to adjourn. Gladys I. Hauser
Clerk.

1927.

The Annual Roll Call and Business Meeting of the Church was held at the Church vestry, Jan. 1, 1927, following a dinner served by the ladies of the Church. The business meeting ~~was~~ opened by prayer by Rev. Hayes, and singing of a hymn.

Robert J. Streeter was chosen moderator and the Standing Rules of the Church were read.

Upon motion of Dea. B. E. Campbell it was voted that Art. II of Section 2 be suspended temporarily for the purpose of presenting names of applicants for church membership.

Dea. Edward Thompson gave the right hand of fellowship to Rev. Hayes.

The pastor presented the following names upon recommendation of the Standing Committee for church membership: Mrs. Lowell Wilcoy by letter from the Second Baptist Church of Palmer, Mrs. Ed. Dickhaus by letter from the Hope Congregational Church of Springfield, and Mrs. Charles Thurber by experience, the North Congregational Church of Springfield, Miss Irene Whitney by confession of faith, Miss Jeannette Anderson and Miss Hazel Eckhardt Mrs. Lillian Adams by confession of faith.

Voted to reinstate Miss Nellie Procaro and Mrs. Edith Kemp.

Mrs. Gertrude Hamlin presented a letter from the Little Rock Mark through C. B. Brown; for the church Clerk.

Voted that the clerk send a note of thanks to Mrs. Hamlin.

Reports of Officers. (Clerk's)

Total church membership 95

Females 61; Males 34. Resident members 73 Non-Resident 22. Received during the year 6. Letters of dismission 3. Removed by death 1.

Report of Treasurer. (Mrs. W. Robinson)

Jan. 1, 1926 Cash on hand	
Rec'd during year	$1[illegible]
Credit recd for Other Benevolences	27.19
	$138.79

Woman's Missionary Society (Mrs. Robinson) Treas.

Jan. 1, 1926 Cash on hand	$20.[illegible]
Rec'd during year	[illegible]
Expended " "	64.[illegible]
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1927.	$ 7.28

Ladies' Benevolent Society (Mrs. Hadfield) Treas.

Jan. 1, 1926 Cash on Hand	$276.70
Rec'd during year	433.80
Expended " "	527.[illegible]7
Cash on hand Jan. 1. 1927.	$1[illegible]1.41

Sunday School (Mrs. Hadfield) Treas.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1926	$45.14
Rec'd during year	107.75
Expended " "	1[illegible].35
Jan. 1, 1927 Cash on hand	$[illegible]3.54

Christian Endeavor (Gladys Hamlin) Treas.

Jan. 1 1926 Cash on hand	$[illegible].[illegible]2
Rec'd during year	[illegible].37
Expended " "	27.07
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1927	$[illegible].10

Other Reports.

Mrs. C. E. Brown Treas. of the Trustees reported that $21.60 was pledged for the coming year and financial budget during the "Every Member Canvass" of the past month. Voted that report be accepted & adopted.

Motion was made by B. E. Campbell and carried that the church recommend to the Trustees that Mr. Hayes be appointed to assist Mrs. Brown in caring for all collections received from the envelope system.

Resignation of clerk was accepted and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Clerk; Stanley E. Howes.
Treasurer; Mrs. Marion Robinson
Auditor; B. E. Campbell.
Trustees for four years, Edward Sinnard

Voted upon motion of Rev. Hayes that a vote of thanks be extended to clerk.

Voted upon motion of Rev. Hayes that vote of thanks be extended to the Ladies' Social Society for the making of the twenty robes for the Junior Choir.

Voted upon motion of Stanley Howes that a resolution committee of three be appointed to draw resolutions to the Walters, Herbert and Edward Co. and grandchildren upon the death of Mrs. Mary Walters.

Roll Call.

There were six persons present by person or letter given at the roll call.

Voted to adjourn. Gladys L. Hinkley Clerk

Jan. 2, 1927. The moderator chose the following committee to draw up

the following resolutions upon the death of Mrs. Sarah Corbin.

Whereas: It has pleased our Heavenly Father to call home to Himself one who was a lifelong and faithful member of our church.

Resolved: That we, the Congregational Church of Litchfield express to the family of Mrs. Sarah B. Corbin, our sympathy for the loss of their mother.

Resolved: That we thank God for her life and that we express our appreciation of her work by sending these resolutions to her family, and by spreading them upon the records of the church.

Committee on Resolutions { H. E. Simpson / Gladys L. Weaver / Alma W. Dissell

Feb. 27, 1927

A business meeting was held at the close of the morning service. Mr. Wm. Hayes was chosen moderator for the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Skinner and seconded by the clerk that the treasurer of the Church pay all bills. This motion was amended by Mrs. B E Campbell that all moneys collected thru the cash envelopes should be turned over to the Church Treas. towards Church expenses. This amendment was put to a vote and lost.

[illegible] her [illegible] resignation was accepted

Mr. Harold D. Howes was chosen treasurer pro tem until such time had elapsed as it should be legal to elect a new treasurer.

Mr Campbell's resignation as collector and of the secretary was laid upon the table until the next meeting.

A note of thanks from Mr & Mrs Efford Corbin and Mr & Mrs Walter Corbin for the care of the church at the time of their mother's death was read by the clerk. It was voted to extend a note of thanks to the Corbin family for this kind letter and also for their generous enclosure of ten dollars.

It was voted that a special business meeting should be held Saturday, March 19th 1927.

It was also voted that I. W. H. Kaye continue his duties as collector pro tem until the next meeting when a collector should be elected

Voted to adjourn

Respectfully submitted

Shirley E. Howes clerk.

March 19, 1927 a special business meeting was held in the vestry of the Church at 8 P.M. Rev. Mr. Kaye was chosen moderator for the meeting. A suggested change of the by-laws was read by Rev. Kaye Art. I Sec. I should read as follows: "The officers of the Church shall be a Church Treasurer, a Church Clerk, a Treasurer pro tem, a collector and a secretary-collector." A motion was made and seconded that we pass over this suggestion. This motion was voted down and but a motion was made that we accept this suggestion and change the by-laws it was voted to do so.

Mrs. Marion Robinson was appointed as Secretary-Treasurer and also Church Treasurer. H.E. Howes was elected as Collector. It was voted to keep the office of secretary-treasurer. The following duties for Collector were voted upon and adopted "The Collector shall keep a true record of all moneys received from pledges or otherwise contributed to the Church or Charities. They shall deliver promptly to Church Treasurer receiving receipt for same. It was voted that the dues be collected from the last.

sundays &c taken for benevolences. The resignation of R. E. Lamp
[illegible] was accepted and Wm. K. Hayes was elected to fill the vacancy. The Clerk read a letter from the Pastor of the First Methodist Church of Torrington Connecticut, asking for a transfer of
[illegible] the church two weeks. Drowns was brought before the Meeting for action. A motion was made to accept Mrs. Drowns withdrawal, this motion was laid on the table. A committee of three consisting of [illegible] were voted to confer with Mrs. Drown and ask her to reconsider her withdrawal. Mr. Hayes feeling that there was too much opposition to him resigned at this time, his resignation to take effect, June 01, 1927. Mr. O. B. Brown to take the chair. Several members of
Hayes resignation was accepted they would also withdraw. A motion was
and voted that the church should not accept Mr. Hayes resignation. A motion
was made seconded and voted that the people ask him to reconsider his action. A motion
was made, seconded and voted that the church rescind all action taken in this meeting up to
the present motion in regard to Mrs. Drown. A motion was made, seconded and voted
that the church accept Mrs Drowns resignation. A committee of three consisting of
Mr. O. B. Drown, Mrs. M. E. Proctor and Mrs. E. Hayes was voted to confer with Mrs
Hayes and ask him to reconsider his resignation. It was voted that a note on M
[illegible] It was voted that the
[illegible] to the Parish Treasurer all moneys collected for the [illegible] and
any other money which it might possess. Voted to adjourn till [illegible] com-
mittee Resp. Submitted S. E. Hayes, Clerk. Copied by M. W. Bradley

April 3, 1927. A special meeting was called by Rev. F. H.
Rev. Mrs. Hayes was chosen Moderator. The names of Mr. and Mrs.
Helen Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Norcross, also Miss Marie Waddocks were presented
and it was voted to [illegible] members of the church. It was voted.
It was also voted that Mr. Harry Norcross be dismissed from our church at his
own request and a letter granted him to the First Methodist Episcopal Church
of Torrington, Connecticut. It was voted [illegible]
Mrs. Franklin a vote of thanks for the [illegible] occasion the church. Voted to
adjourn Resp. [illegible] Copied by M. W. Bradley

April 7, 1927 A special meeting was called at the close of church by the Pastor.
[illegible] was voted to [illegible]
[illegible] is request voted to adjourn. Attest S. E. Hayes Clerk.

Sunday, May 22, 1927. A special meeting of the Congregational church the following
[illegible] was voted into membership. Mr. & Mrs. Earl M. Beardsley by letters from the
M. E. Church of Raymond [illegible]
it was voted to receive them into full membership May 27, 1927.

December 4, 1927.

A business meeting was held at the close of the morning service. Dea. C. B. Brown was chosen moderator and T. S. Gifford Clerk Pro Tem. Mr. Brown explained the reason for calling the meeting was to act on Mr. Hayes's resignation. As the letter of resignation was not at hand, Mr. Spooner moved that the meeting be postponed for one week. This motion was not seconded. Voted, On motion of Mr. Campbell that the resignation be acted upon at this meeting, and that vote be taken by ballot.

Result of the ballot, a total of forty-seven ballots cast; Thirty-two (32) against accepting the Pastor's resignation and fifteen (15) in favor.

A letter of resignation from the church by Charles W. Robinson, was read and on motion of W. P. Moore, it was voted not to accept same. B. E. Campbell, Mr. the E. Steele and C. B. Brown were chosen a committee to confer with Mr. Robinson.

The following resolutions on the death of Dea. Edward B. Brown were presented by Mr. Campbell and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It hath pleased our Heavenly Father to call home to Himself one who was a lifelong and faithful member of our Church, be it

Resolved, That we, the Congregational Church of Brimfield, express to Mrs. Edward B. Brown and family, our sympathy for the loss of their husband and father, and be it further

Resolved, That we thank God for his life and that we express our appreciation of his work and faithfulness to our Church by sending these resolutions to the family and by spreading them upon the records of the Church.

B. E. Campbell
Clarence B. Brown } Standing Committee.

Voted, to adjourn.

T. S. Gifford,
Clerk Pro Tem.

1927

The Annual Business Meeting and Roll Call was held in the Church Vestry Dec. 31, 1927.

Robert Hunter was chosen Moderator and Lena M. Cassell, clerk pro tem. It was voted to have the Roll Call before the business meeting. At the business meeting the following officers were elected. Clerk Miss Lena Cassell, Treasurer Mrs. Charles W. Robinson, Collector Frank E. Gifford, Deacon for four years Charles W. Wheeler, Collector Mrs. Charles W. Robinson

It was voted that the reports should be read.

It was voted that Mr. Hervey's report which was not been accepted be read and voted upon. Voted that the report be accepted. Reports of the church organizations as follows. Report of Mrs. Robinson as Collector.

	Amount Pledged on Book	$2,670.20
	Cash received	1,674.10
	Cancelled	276.90
	Pledges not paid on Feb	719.20
	Report of Mrs. Robinson as Treasurer.	
	Total Rec from Collection 1st Sundays each month in Envelopes	102.11
	Report of Mrs. Robinson as Benevolent Treasurer Rec'd for 1st Sundays	121.18
	Paid to Missionary Societies of Byfield	121.18
	Other Benevolent Credits	
Feb. 17.	Christian Bible Society	5.00
April	Red Cross	25.00
May 2	Rockwell College from Ch. Board	2.00
Aug. 9.	Near East Relief	17.71
Oct. 25	Rec'd and Forwarded from Faithful Workers	21.10
	Total	77.71
	Total Paid for Church Benevolences	199.89

Report of Women's Missionary Society

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1926	$ 1.00
Offerings and Membership Fees	51.25
Total Expended	52.25
Cash on hand Dec 31, 1927	[illegible]

Report of Ladies Benevolent Society Mrs. Fred Perkins Treas.

Cash on hand Nov 1, 1926	$ 182.68
Received during year	250.80
Expended during year	254.47
Cash on hand Jan. 1. 1928	178.96

Report of Sunday School Mrs. Fred Bissell, Treasurer

Cash on hand Jan. 1 1927	$ 33.33
Received from collection Christmas	80.17
Total cash	113.50
Paid for supplies	108.15
Balance on hand Jan 1, 1928	5.35

The standing Committee recommended that Mrs. Eugene Whiting be received into the church on confession of faith and that Miss Mary Hitchcock be received by letter from the First Baptist Church of Ludlow. It was voted that the be received as members.

Voted that the church roll call be held in the evening instead of in the afternoon as had been the custom. Meeting adjourned.

Alma W. Bissell, Clerk.

1928

A special business meeting was held March 25, following the morning service, at which Deacon Nutcracker presided. It was voted that the by-law about dismissions be set aside in order to grant letters of dismission at once to Mr. and Mrs. M. Leroy Greenfield who requested that they might join another church on Easter Sunday. Voted that Mr. and Mrs. Greenfield be given letters to the East Congregational Church Ware, Mass.

Voted to adjourn,

Alma W. Bissell, Clerk.

At a meeting of the members in the midweek prayermeeting April 18th, it was voted to give a letter of dismission to Mrs. Alice Agnes Allen who requested dismission to the First Cong. Church in Nantucket, Mass.

A. W. Bissell Clerk.

The following delegates were chosen April 15th. to attend the association meeting in Monson, May 2nd, Mrs. Martha E. Streeter, Clarence B. Brown and Miss Alma Bissell.

A. W. Bissell Clerk.

At a business meeting Sunday Morning April 22 it was voted to suspend the rules in order to give Juliet H. Beauty a letter of dismission at once.

Voted that Miss Hosley be given a letter to the First Congregational Church, Plainfield, that she might join that church the first of May.

A. W. Bissell Clerk.

At a special meeting called June 17 it was voted to close the church the last three Sundays in August and to hold no Sunday evening meetings during July and August. Robert Streeter was chosen a delegate to the ecclesiastical council called in North Brookfield to ordain and install Mr. Joseph Knieren as pastor of the First Congregational Church of that place on June 22nd.

A. W. Bissell Clerk.

At a meeting held September 30 Rev. Mr. Hayes was chosen moderator.

Mr. Hayes read his resignation as pastor of the church. It was voted to accept his resignation. Mr. Hayes asked that letters be given to Mrs. Hayes and himself to any ~~voted that~~ church of the Baptist denomination. ~~rules be suspended and such given~~ ~~It was voted that~~ these letters be given Mr. & Mrs. Hayes.

Mr. Hayes expressed his gratitude to all those who had helped him in his work.

It was voted that a committee of three be appointed to secure supplies for the pulpit. Wallace Moore, Mrs. Charles Wheeler and Frederick Bissell were appointed. Voted that a representative of the Anti-Saloon League be invited to speak on the following Sunday. Adjourned.

A. W. Bissell Clerk.

1928 & 1929

The annual business meeting and roll call of the church was held in the Church vestry December 28, 1928.

Robert Streeter was chosen moderator. Bert E. Campbell offered prayer.

The roll call followed with 61 responses.

Mrs. Emma Brown asked to have the articles of faith read. The moderator read them and also read the standing rules.

The report of the clerk was accepted. Elma M. Russell

The following were elected officers, Elma M. Russell Clerk, Mrs. Charles Robinson Treasurer, Frank D. Gifford Auditor. Deacons, for four years, Clarence B. Brown for two years, Frederick Bissell, for one years Wallace S. Moore. Bert E. Campbell resigned and his resignation as deacon was accepted. The fourth deacon Charles M. Wheeler was chosen in D. 1927 for four years.

Collectors Report for 1928.

Money from envelopes or other ways paid to church & to the Parish Treasurer

Amount pledged	$754.25	
" paid	703.43	M. D. Robinson Co

Treasurers Report—Benevolent Department—

Total received $57.45

Expended Mar 24,	Paid Mass Conference Missions	12.7
June 25,	" " " "	12.2
Oct. 3	" " " "	13.0
Dec. 28.	Amt on hand to be paid	19.5

Other Benevolence

Feb 13	To Vermont Conference	10.7
Mar. 16	Geo L. Agard for Piedmont College	8.0
May 24	Mrs. Emma M. Brown " "	2.0
Aug 24	To Clarence Brown for Church Exp.	37.0
	Total	52.7
		110.2

Marion D Robinson, Treas.

Loose Change, Home Dept:

Expended

63.59

63.59

M. D. Robinson Treas.

Woman's Missionary Society

Cash on hand Dec. 1, 1927	.51
Offerings	5.15
Mrs. A. Brown	1.00
Membership fees	2.75
	3.31
Flowers for two members	6.00
For missions	48.52
Cash Total	54.52
Cash on hand	8.79

A box was sent to Atlanta Ga valued at $75.00

Marion T. Robinson Treas

Ladies Benevolent Society

Amt on hand Dec. 31, 1927	$ 98.98
Total received during year	171.54
Expended	170.24
Amt on hand at close of 1928	37.28

Ezra A. Parker Sec. & Treas.

Sunday school Report — Collections

1928 Balance on hand	5.21		
1st quarter	20.53	Birthday bank	1.95
2nd "	16.52	Total expended	64.97
3rd "	11.64		65.81
4th "	11.10	Balance on hand	1.16
	65.04		

It was voted that we continue the envelope system of collections.

Voted that committee be appointed to solicit funds. Voted that this committee be appointed by the finance committee.

Voted that receipts from envelope system be handed over to the parish treasurer.

Miss Russell and Mr. Decker were appointed by the chair to draw up a memorial on the death of Deacon Edward Fairfield.

Voted that the Church accept the offer of Rev John [illegible] to preach on the last Sunday morning in each month and if either party wishes to terminate the agreement a month notice be given.

Voted that Mr. Dutton be given $15 per Sunday for playing the organ.

Voted that Charles W. Robinson be given a letter

of dismission at his own request.
Voted that a committee of three be appointed to purchase an organ. Voted that the old organ committee be discharged.
Voted that Mrs. Adelaide Knowlton, Clarence B. Brown and Miss Ruby Pembrell be the committee on selecting an organ.
Adjourned G. W. Bissell Clerk

On Feb. 3d Sunday morning service it was voted to give Roy Narcross a letter of dismission and recommendation to the First Methodist Episcopal Church of New Haven, Conn.
A. W. Bissell, Clerk.

March 3 it was voted to give Mrs. Isabel Calder Thibodeau a letter to the Wilder Federated Church of Wilder, Vermont.
A. W. Bissell, Clerk.

April 21st: It was voted to receive into the membership of the church Ainsworth Webber Adams by letter, and Mrs Mildred Reno Adams and Miss May Landen by confession of faith. They were received as members at the communion service May 5th.
Clarence B. Brown was chosen delegate to the ordination of Roger Cleveland at East Longmeadow. Ainsworth Adams was chosen to represent the church at the Y. M. C. A. workers conference in Palmer the following Monday.
Voted that the Soldiers' organizations be invited to Deerfield for Memorial Sunday.
The following delegates were chosen to attend the Congregational Church Conference at Palmer May 1st: Miss Alma Bissell, Ainsworth Adams, Mrs Martha Strieder, Wallace P. Mr. and Clarence B. Brown.
A. W. Bissell, Clerk.

was held
meeting after church June 23. It was voted to
invite the Boy Scouts to have charge of the morning services
during July & August. Voted that the church pay
half the expense of securing speakers if there should
be anything to pay. Voted that the standing committee
confer with the Scout Masters about inviting the
speakers. Adjourned.

A.W. Bissell, Clerk.

At a meeting held Oct. 6th Clarence Brown was
chosen moderator. Five delegates were chosen to
attend conference of the churches of Hampden County
at Westfield, October 9th. The following named the
conference as delegates: Clarence E. Brown, Mrs. Martha
Streeter, Bert E. Campbell, Mrs Earnest Elder, Mrs.
Edward Brown and William S. Skinner. Mrs. Elder
at first withdrew her name but later decided to
be the number of delegates was considered six.

It was voted that the Hampden County Association
and the Massachusetts Conference and Home Missionary
Society be asked to help the church find a suitable
pastor or candidates. Adjourned

A.W. Bissell, Clerk.

A meeting was called November 24 to vote on
asking Rev. Randolph K. Hill to become pastor of
the church for a year beginning Dec. 1, 1929
Voted that Rev. Mr. Hill be asked to
be our pastor. Voted that the church ask the
parish to concur with them in their action.
Voted that power to administer the communion be
given to Mr. Hill by the church. An amendment
was made to confer with Mr. Cowell of Boston about
the right to administer the communion.

A.W. Bissell Clerk.

At a meeting held Sunday Oct. 27, it was voted
to send William S. Skinner as a delegate to the
North Congregational Church of Springfield to attend
the dismissal of Rev. Mr. Hill as pastor of that Church

A.W. Bissell, Clerk

A meeting was called by the Pastor Rev. Randolph Hill Dec. 15 to elect a delegates to the council for ordaining & installing Rev. Lynne F. Townsend as Pastor of the First Congregational Church, Ludlow. William H. Spooner was chosen delegate.

It was voted that the canvass for ministerial, and church funds be left in the hands of the standing committee. This vote was amended to the request of the Pastor to read that the standing committee appoint their own committee of canvassers.

A. W. Bissell. Clerk.

[illegible]
Dec. 3, 1929.

To the Members of the First Cong. Church
Brimfield, Massachusetts.

Greetings:-

[illegible] Many our
association together bring us the
grace and knowledge of our Lord
[illegible] and bless us in the bonds of
service and peace.

With every hope, I am,
Yours sincerely
Randolph H. Hill

Tuesday A.M.
147 Foster St.

A. W. Bissell, Clerk.
Copied by Gladys H. Campbell

The annual roll call and business meeting of the church was held in the church on Thursday Dec. 27, 1929.

After the supper the meeting was called to order by the clerk and Robert Stretton was chosen moderator. Mr. Stretton asked Rev. Louis W. Hill the new pastor, to conduct the devotional service. The congregation sang "All Hail the power of Jesus' name" and at Mrs Hills request the Spooner quartet consisting of William, Raymond, Lawrence, and Edward Spooner sang "Child Come Home". Mr. Hill offered prayer.

The roll was called with 56 responses.

The clerks report was read and accepted. The clerk reported three members removed by death, Mrs Lucy B. Curtis, Willie A. Webber and Levi E. Stevens.

The collectors report was as follows—

Money from Envelopes & Cash

For Home Expenses Paid Parish treasurer $80.05.

Forty six names as contributors.

Report of cash for home expenses

From loose change	$
1st quarter	12.75
2nd quarter	18.75
3d quarter	35.85
4th quarter	19.10
Total	86.45
Special offering for music	20.00
Expended	106.45

March 11	Clarence B. Brown for Parish	12.75
June 10	" " "	18.75
Sept. 27	W. E. Truesdell Treasurer Hampden County for tax on 102 mailbers at .15	15.30
Sept. 30	Clarence B. Brown for Parish	20.55
Dec. 20	Mrs. Fred Bissell for communion	5.00
Dec 23	Clarence B. Brown for parish	14.10
Apr.	Paid Clarence B. Brown for music	20.00
	Total	106.45

Marion Robinson
Church Treasurer

Treasurer 1929.

Report of Church Benevolence.

Cash received from loose change

1st quarter		$ 13.00
2nd "		17.50
3d "		21.00
4th "		15.60
Total		$ 67.10

Expended

Apr. 2.	Massachusetts	Congregational	Conference	$ 13.00
July 1.	"	"	"	17.50
Sept. 30	"	"	"	21.00
Dec. 31	"	"	"	15.60
			Total	67.10

Other benevolence credited to Church

June 1.	Mrs. Ec. M. Brown	Piedmont College	$ 2.00
" 10.	" " "	"	2.00
July 19.	Mrs. Ec. M. Brown George Ogard	A.B.C.F.M.	20.00
March 2	Mr. & Mrs. Melven Booth for A.B.C.F.M.		5.00
March 14			10.00
July			50.00
			89.00
Total Receipts			$ 156.10

Marion J. Robinson, Church Treasurer

Report of Woman's Missionary Society.

Nov. 2, 1928	Cash on hand	$ 8.79
	8 Memberships	2.00
	Regular Offerings	16.46
	Lenten "	12.55
	Thank "	11.20
	Miss Julia J. Brown	6.00
	Total	$ 57.30

Expended

1928. Nov. 12	Pleasant Hill Academy		$ 5.00
" "	International College		3.00
1929 Apr.	Schauffler School Fund		3.00
May 2	Freight on Box to Talladega		1.85
			12.85

[illegible] — County Treas. [illegible] 1.00
October — Mass. Con. [illegible] 5.00
47.25

Cash on hand 7.75

Sheffield — Box tops sent to Atlanta, Ga.
Valued at $75.00 Enclosed sent to Sheffield
Field Academy, valued at $1.00.

Mrs. E. A. Camp
Secretary Pro-tem.

Report of Ladies' Benevolent Society
Year ending Nov. 17, 1924.

Amount on hand at Nov. 17, 1924 31.28
" received during year 17.72
" expended " " 13.18
" on hand at close of year 35.82

Mrs. A. [illegible]
Treas.

Report of Sunday School.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1924 1.16
Received from collections 1st quarter 12.9
" " " 2nd " 15.25
" " " 3rd " 11.43
" " " 4th " 11.70
51.53

Paid for supplies 1st quarter 13.61
" " " 2nd " 15.25
" " " 3d " 7.68
" " " 4th " 9.70
46.24

Cash on hand Dec. 27, 1929. 5.29

The Organ Committee reported progress, that they had visited an Organ factory and that [illegible] Organ factory representative had looked at the [illegible] and [illegible] recommendation.

It was voted to suspend the Article requiring the annual meeting to be held the week before the first Sunday in January and to make this present meeting the annual & regular meeting.

The following were elected officers for the year 1930. Clerk, Miss Gladys Campbell elected by ballot. Mrs. Charles Robinson was elected treasurer & collector, Frank Gifford auditor, and Wallace P. Moore deacon, for four years.

It was voted that the standing committee see that the church record books are placed in some safe place and that the clerk have new books.

Voted that the pastor, Rev. Randolph Hill, be empowered to administer communion although he is not ordained.

Voted that the church treasurer pay bills authorized by vote of the church or of the standing committee.

Voted that the money collected on Sunday be distributed between home expenses and home collection as it had been done in the past.

Voted that the money from the envelopes be turned over to the Parish treasurer.

Moved that a floral committee of three be appointed. The motion was withdrawn and it was suggested that decorations be left in the hands of the young people.

Meeting adjourned.

R. W. Bissell, Clerk.

A Memorial of Deacon Edward Fairfield

Deacon Edward Fairfield served for sixteen years a loyal and faithful member of the Brookfield Congregational Church and for thirteen years was a deacon being active in the work as long as he was able, and often speaking of his longing to come to the services often he had to serve instead. Deacon Fairfield will always be remembered for his genial friendly manner and his earnest desire to build up the church of Christ.

Charles W. Wheeler
Edwin W. Russell
} Committee on Memorial.

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